



**Opioid Stewardship MATters: Addressing Opioid Use Disorder  
Across the Continuum of Care  
and  
Stewards for Surgery: Employing Perioperative Opioid  
Stewardship Strategies**

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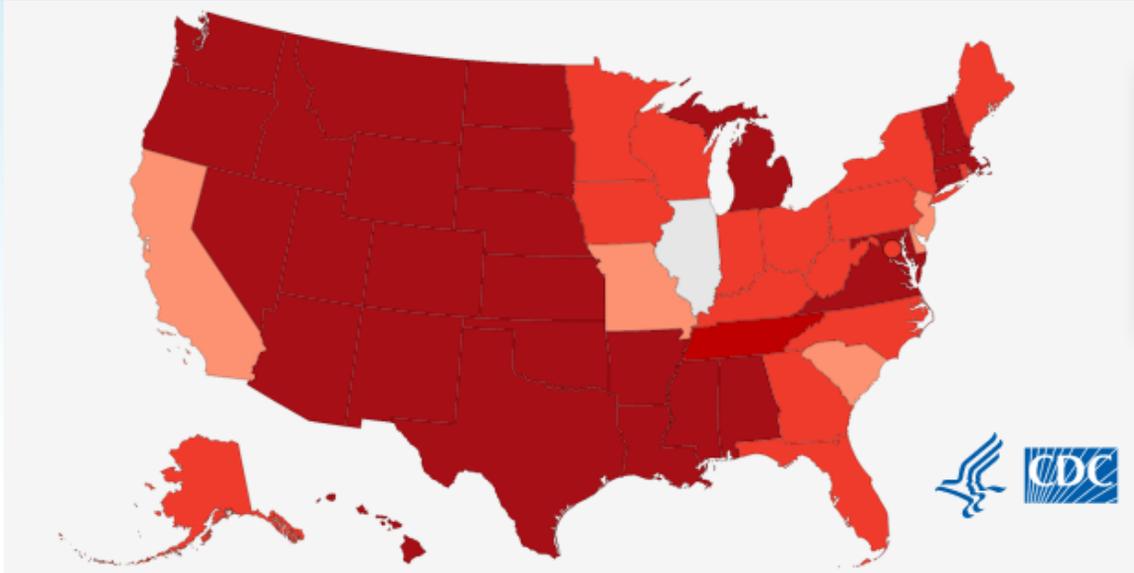
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# Learning Objectives

1. Define medication assisted treatment (MAT) and its role in combatting the opioid epidemic.
2. Identify inpatient and outpatient opioid stewardship efforts that can be implemented to support patients with an opioid use disorder.
3. Outline strategies for pain management in patients receiving medication assisted treatment (MAT) throughout the continuum of care.
4. Describe the importance of establishing patient expectations prior to surgery for improved outcomes.
5. Employ available recommendations to guide safe opioid prescribing following surgical procedures.
6. Outline strategies for perioperative pain management in patients receiving medication assisted treatment (MAT).

# How Does Your State Stack Up?

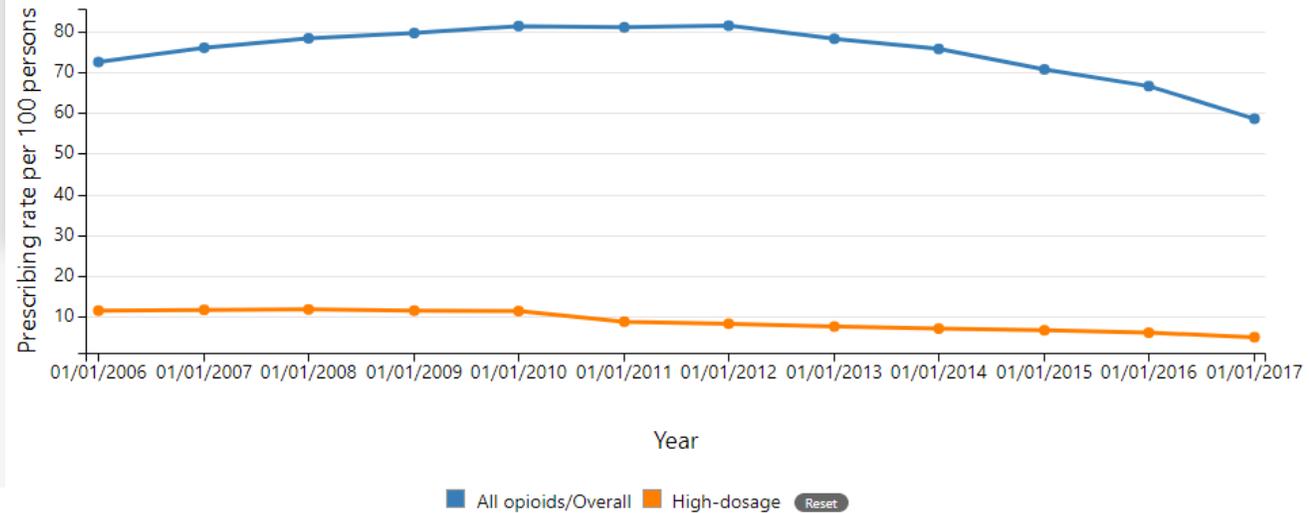
Statistically significant drug overdose death rate increase from 2017 to 2018, US States



Changes in drug overdose death rate from 2017 to 2018, US States

- Stable - not significant
- Decrease
- Increase

Trends in Annual Opioid Prescribing Rates by Overall and High-Dosage Prescriptions



# CDC Chronic Pain Guidelines



**Non-Opioids  
Preferred**



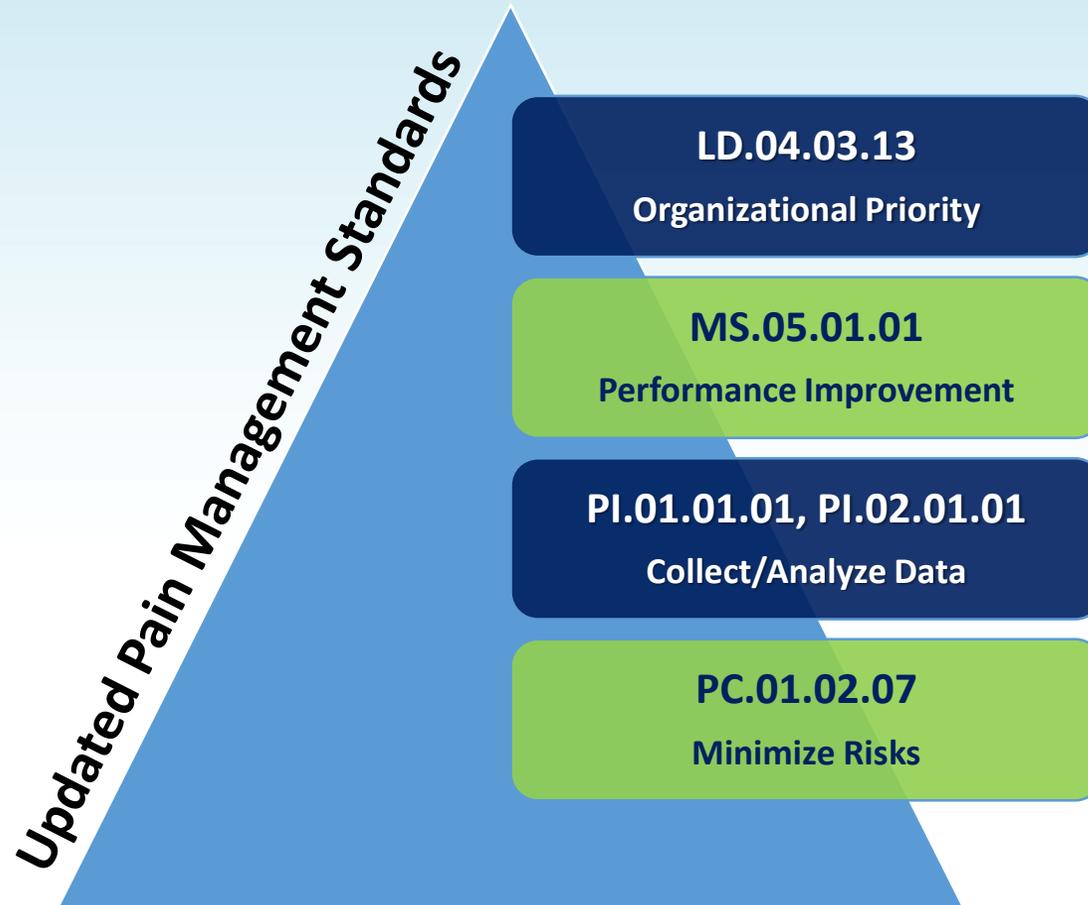
**Lowest Effective  
Dose**



**Risk Assessment**



# TJC Standards Inpatient



# ...What now?

## Implementation of a pain medication stewardship program

ferent types of pain management, there

The Joint Commission Journal on Quality and Patient Safety 2019; 45:3-13

Pain medication stewardship is important to pharmacy practice because

## A Health System–Wide Initiative to Decrease

JOURNAL OF PAIN & PALLIATIVE CARE PHARMACOTHERAPY  
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The Joint Commission Journal on

## The Time for Opioid Stewardship

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EDITORIAL

## Opioid Stewardship: Building on Antibiotic Stewardship Principles

On October 26, 2017, the US Department of Health and Human Services official crisis affecting the United States agency.<sup>1</sup> This public declaration drew attention to the increase in lives lost to the opioid crisis since the 1990s and the enormous harm to society as a whole caused by opioid use disorder (OUD). The opioid crisis has since

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**KEYWORDS**  
Opioid;  
stewardship

# What is Stewardship?

**“The responsible  
overseeing and  
protection of something  
worth caring for and  
preserving”**

# NQF Opioid Stewardship



# Available Literature

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### KEYWORDS

Opioid; antimicrobial;  
stewardship; pharmacist

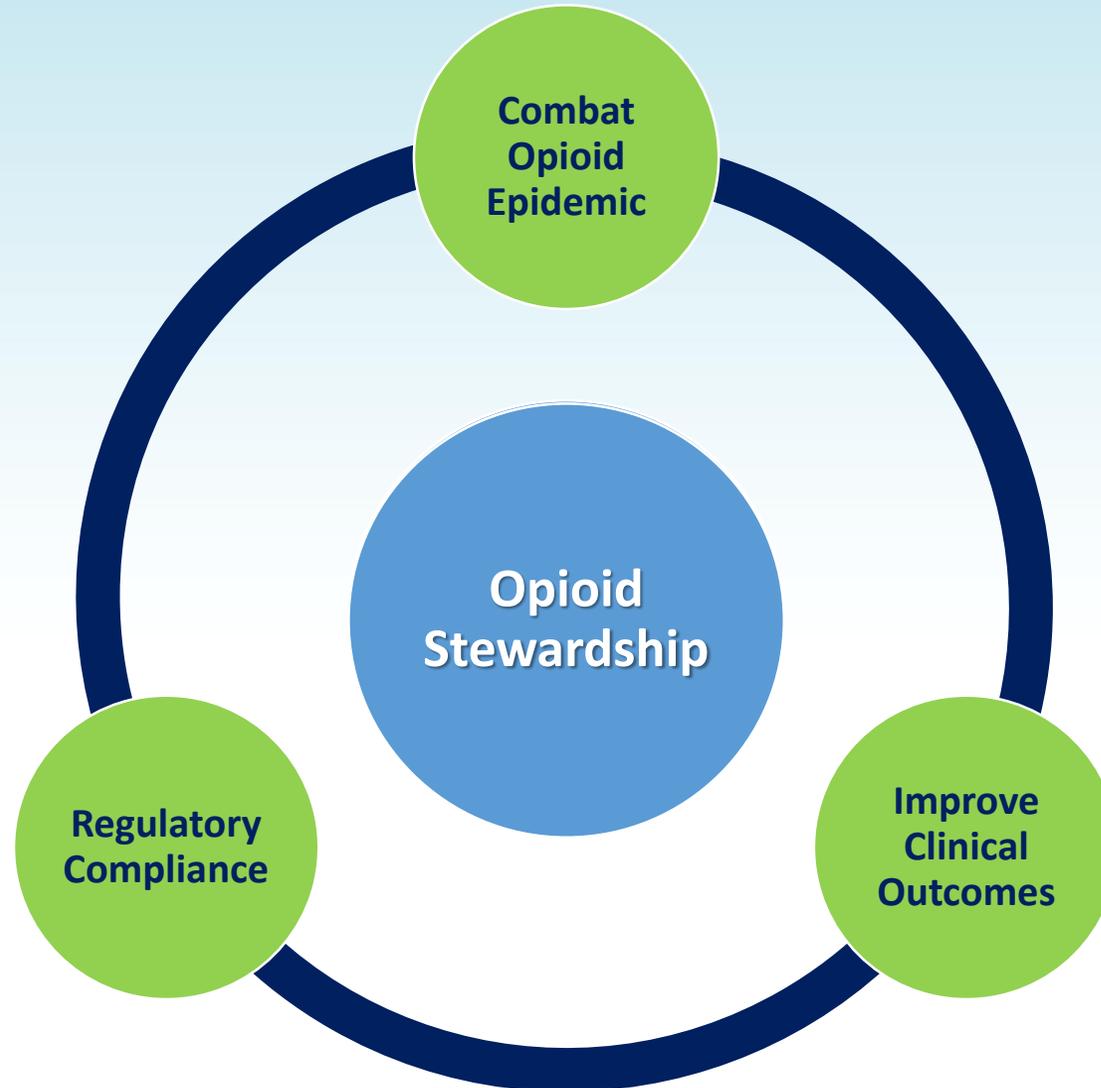
### Introduction

The term “stewardship” is defined as the job of supervising or taking care of something. It is a term found in aspects of healthcare and specifically in

### Opioid stewardship history

In 2017, the US Department of Health and Human Services declared the opioid crisis a national emergency. Hospitals and healthcare systems are searching for and

# Goals of Opioid Stewardship





# Opioid Stewardship Position

Opioid Stewardship Program across inpatient and outpatient services

PI activities related to opioids

Track/report metrics

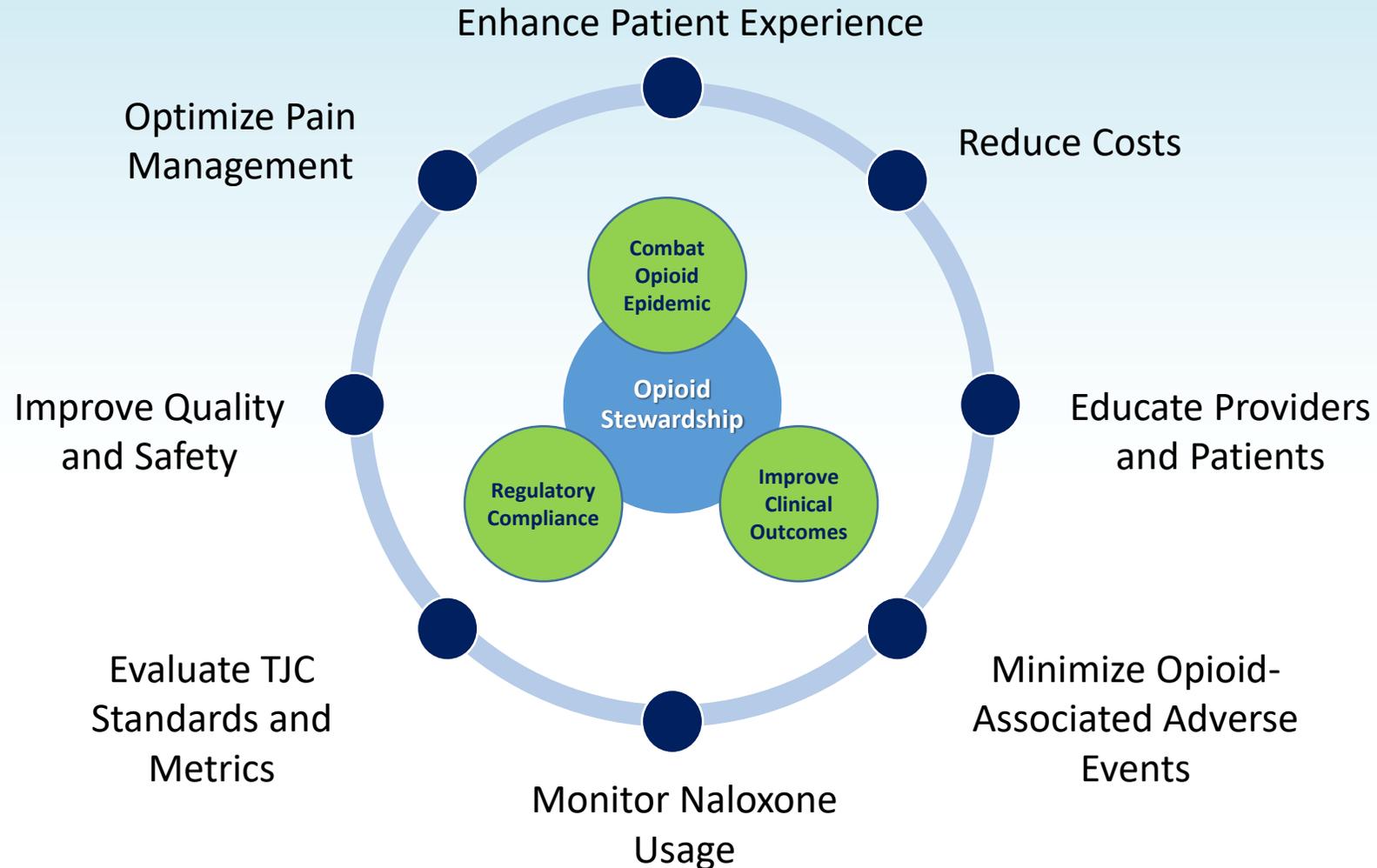
Co-chair interdisciplinary oversight committee

Policy/procedure development

Leverage EHR to support pain management and opioid use

Development of controlled substance diversion detection and prevention program

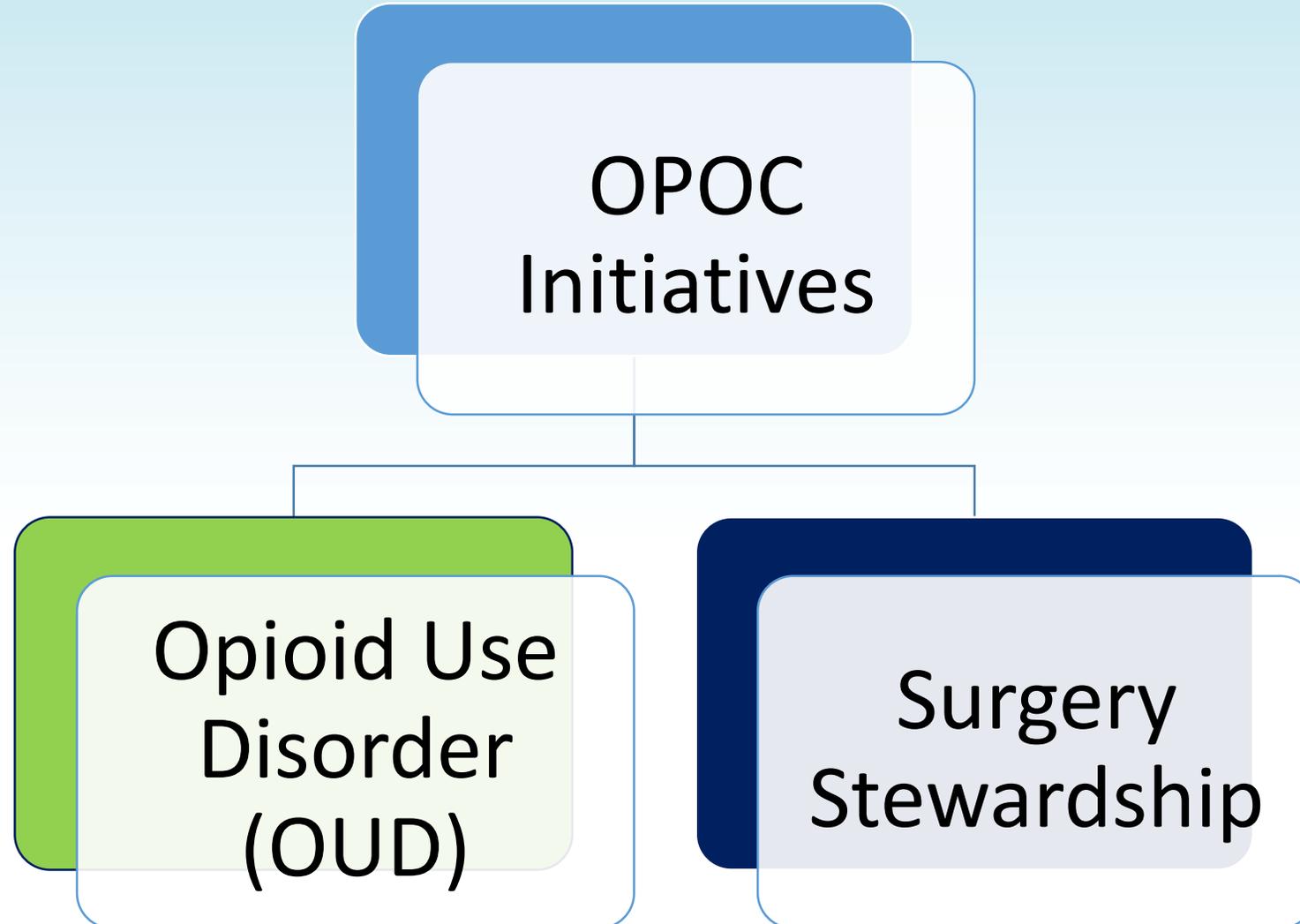
# Opioid Stewardship at Eskenazi Health



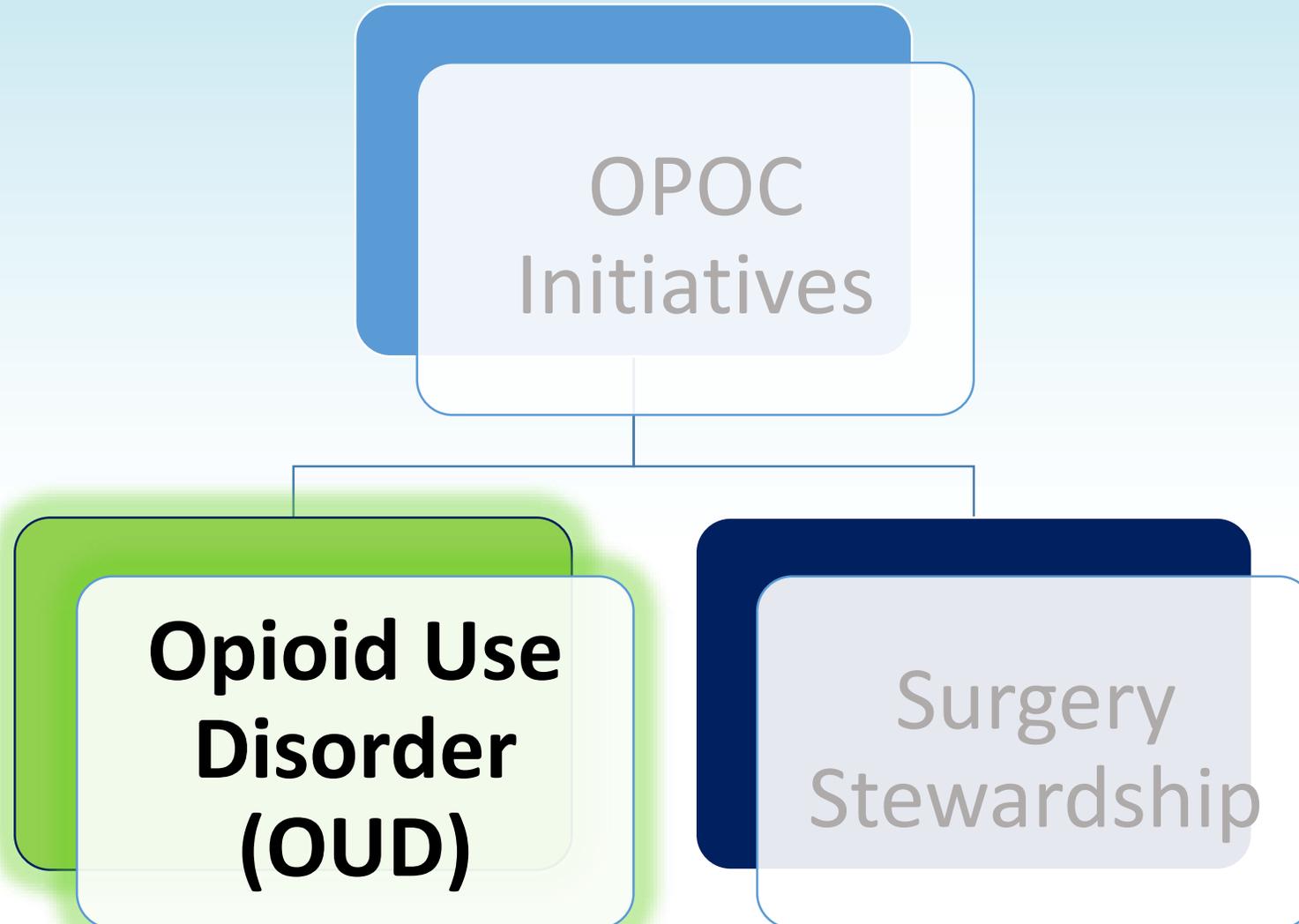
# Opioid and Pain Management Oversight Committee (OPOC)



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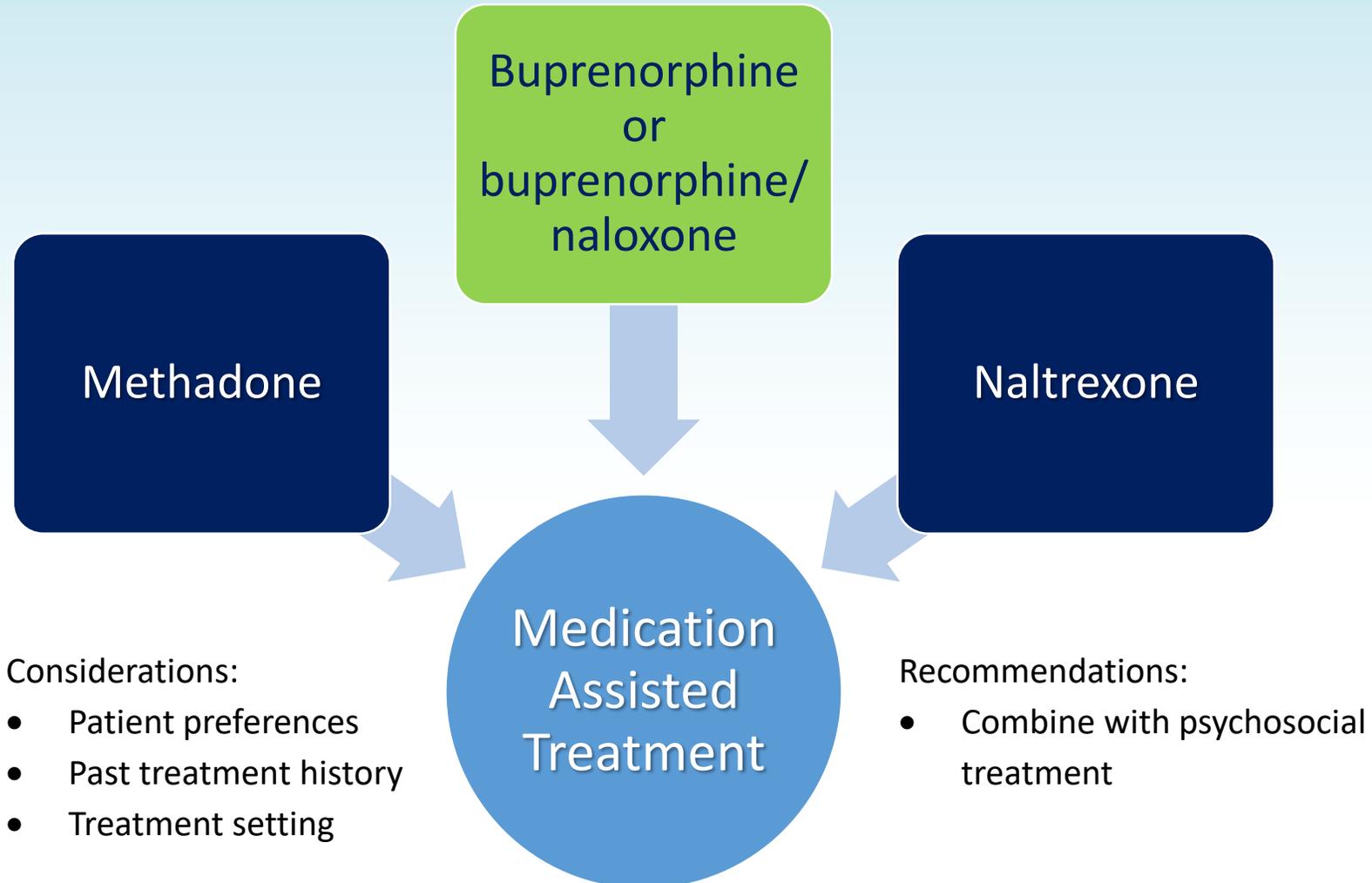
# What is Opioid Use Disorder?

**Problematic pattern of  
opioid use leading to  
clinically significant  
impairment or distress**

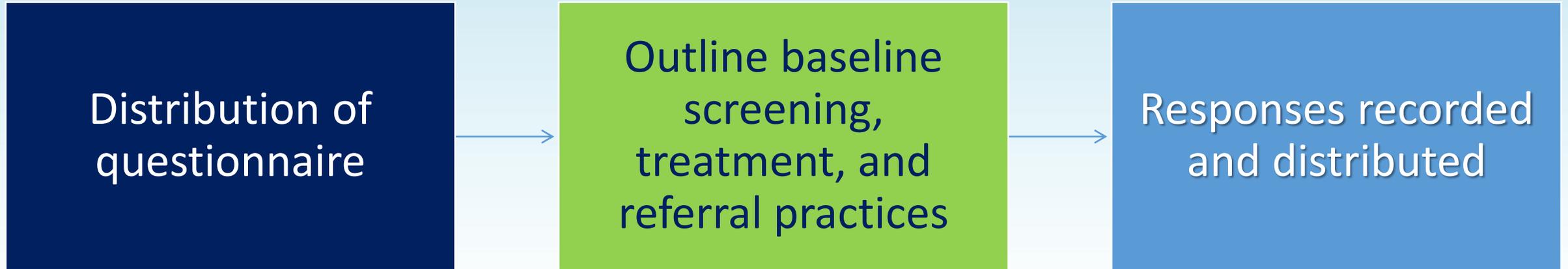
# Opioid Use Disorder Treatment Approach



# Medication Assisted Treatment (MAT)



# Determine Institution-Specific Processes

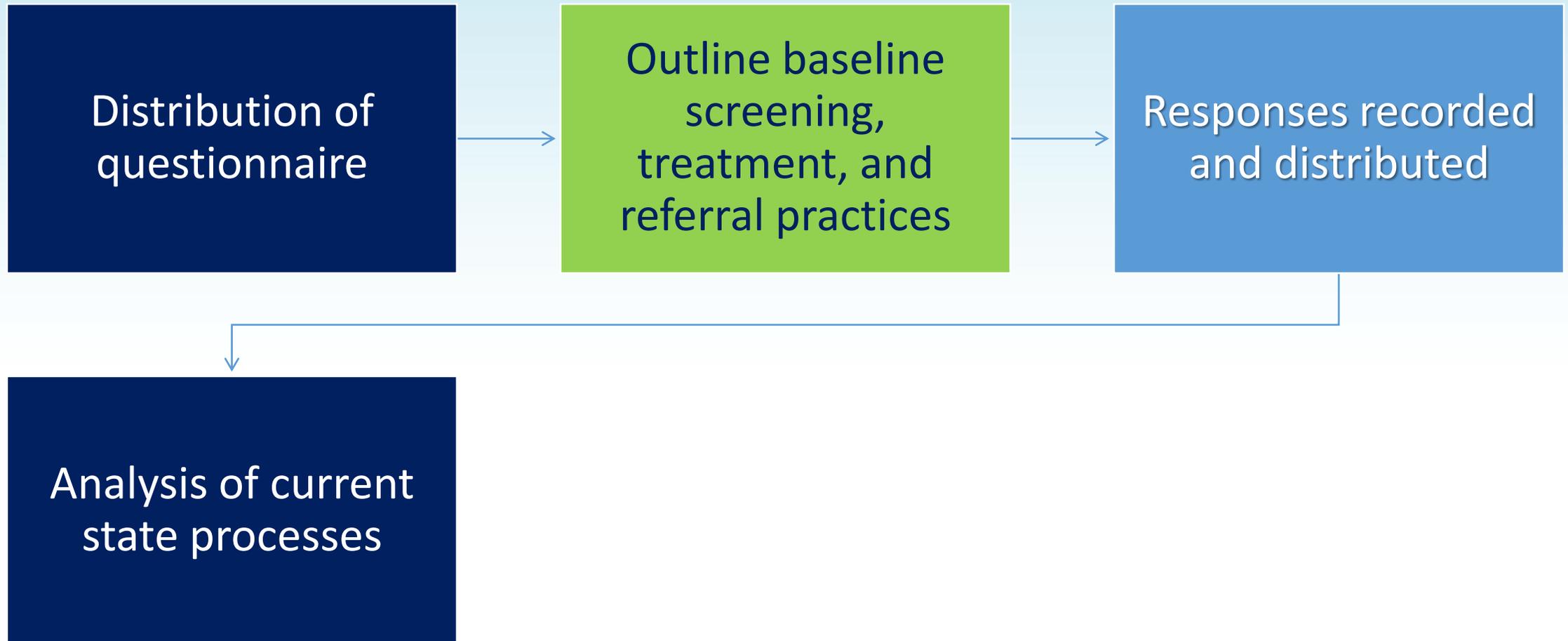




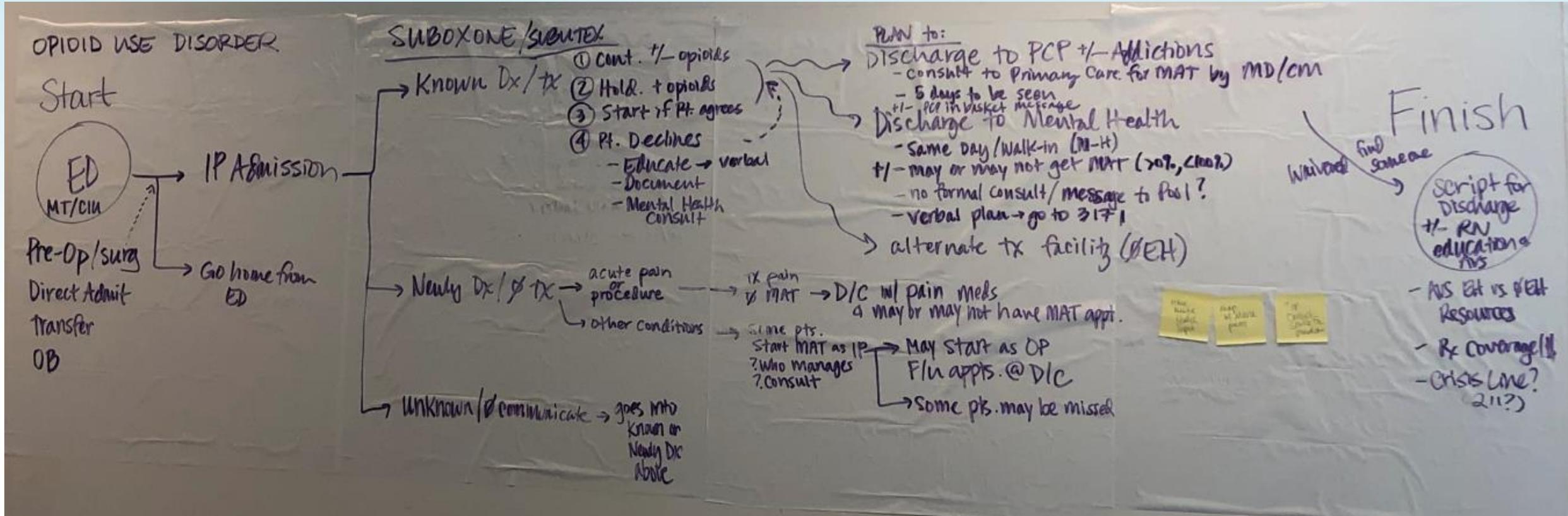
# Questionnaire Responses

OPOC OUD Walkthrough Responses					
	MICU	Ortho	ED/Project POINT	Midtown	Anesthesia/Pre-Op/PAT
Patients screened for SUD?	Yes	No	Yes	Yes	Yes
Screening tools utilized?	Bedside nurses ask about SUD during admission	N/A	Recovery coaches	ANSA, SSI-AOD, Urica	Generic questionnaire (what drug? Last use? etc.)
Where is screening information documented?	Nursing admission assessment	N/A	Redcap, and FYI, notes in epic	ANSA in epic, other two being built	Charted in "arrival history" in epic
Screening targeted or universal?	Universal	?	?	Universal	Universal
Urine toxicology?	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	Yes
Determinants for ordering?	Based on clinical presentation and concern for illicit use	History of SUD		Random and ordered by MD. Ideally all patients tested 1-2 times per month.	If surgeons orders or if there is suspicion
Which assays ordered?	Drug screen, drugs of abuse, urine	UDS		Levels are provided on all drug screens	Urine toxicology and blood
How is decision made for that assay?	Only known option	Depends on specific substances testing for or if want to test for variety			If already ordered or if high urine tox level of suspicion by pre-op nurse
<b>Processes to identify patient at risk for SUD</b>					
Designated mental health/addictions contact?	No	Yes (refer to integrative pain or SE mental health)	Yes	Yes	No (leave it up to primary team or admitting team to make decision). Chronic pain physicians (Dr. P. ...)

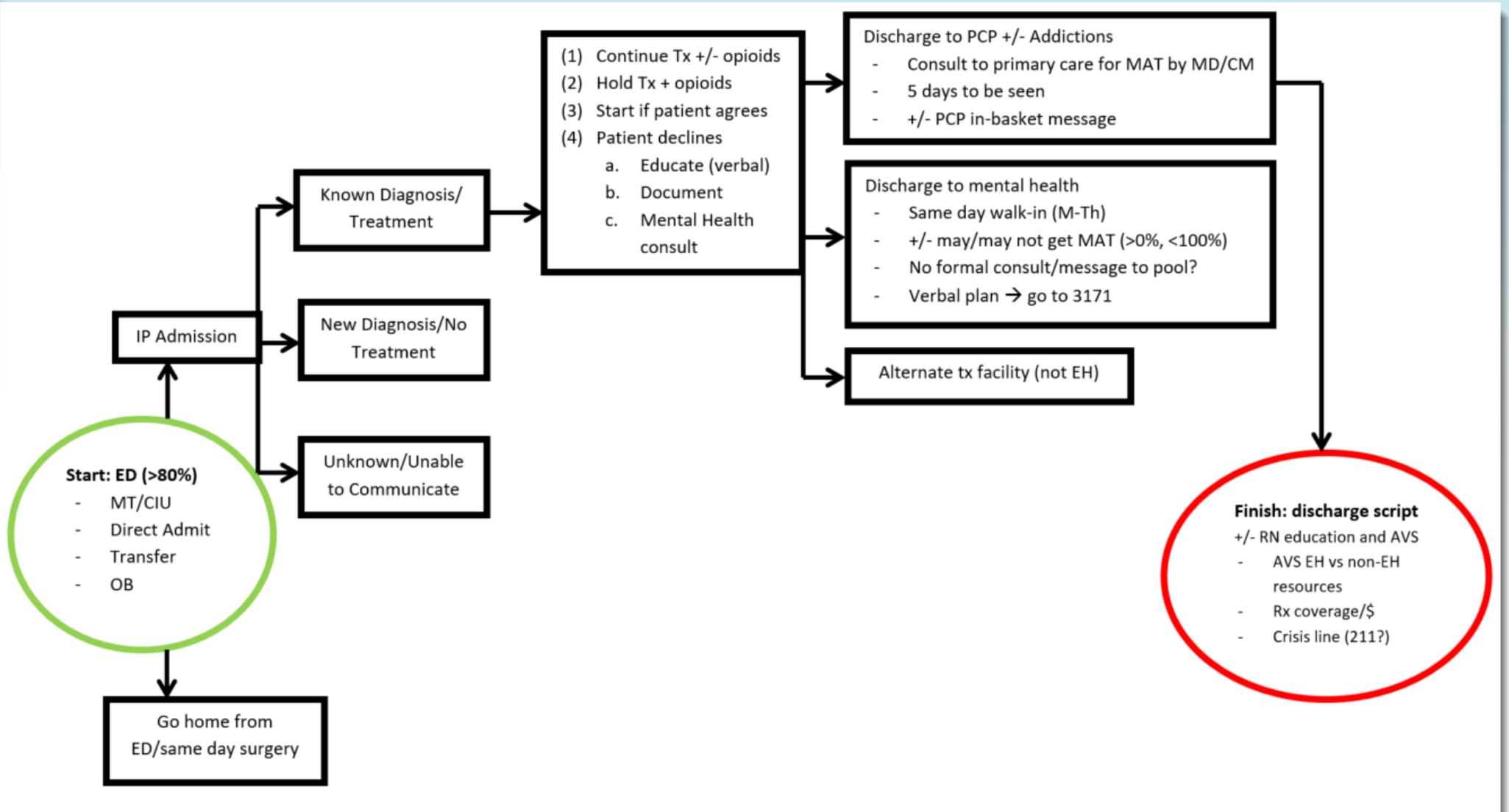
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# Current State Process Mapping



# Process Mapping



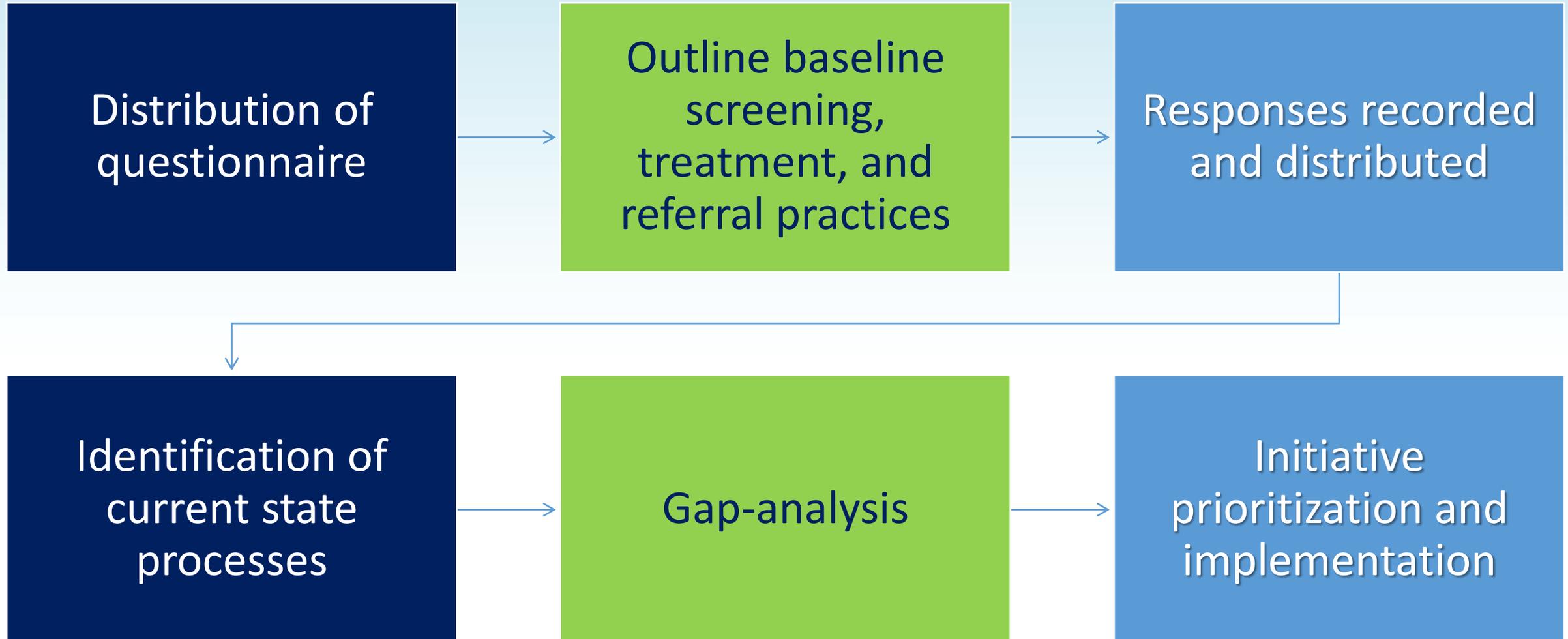
# Parking Lot

## PARKING LOT

- ① Same Day Surgery / OP
- ② Midtown review/process
- ③ you can continue suboxone & treat acute pain → Education (MDs)
- ④ DIC Rx for naloxone
- ⑤ Educational materials (naloxone, suboxone)  
IP, grant, CC
- ⑥ naloxone supply & companion scripts
- ⑦ RN education s/sx N/D; intox; COWS
- ⑧ Metrics how to take meds/dosage forms
- ⑨ Acute Pain Mgmt (+/- Surgery) Protocols
  - PAT/planned vs. emergent
  - Discharge plan/med rec
  - opioid naïve vs. tolerant vs. SUD
- ⑩ "Referral" Process to 3171 / message to Peer

- ⑪ PRC - Peer Rec. Coaches  
7. more of these?  
Midtown Mobile Pathways Grant
- ⑫ Expanded IP Psych consult staff

# Determine Institution-Specific Processes





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COWS Assessment

FAQ Website

MAT and Acute Pain Recommendations

Naloxone Access

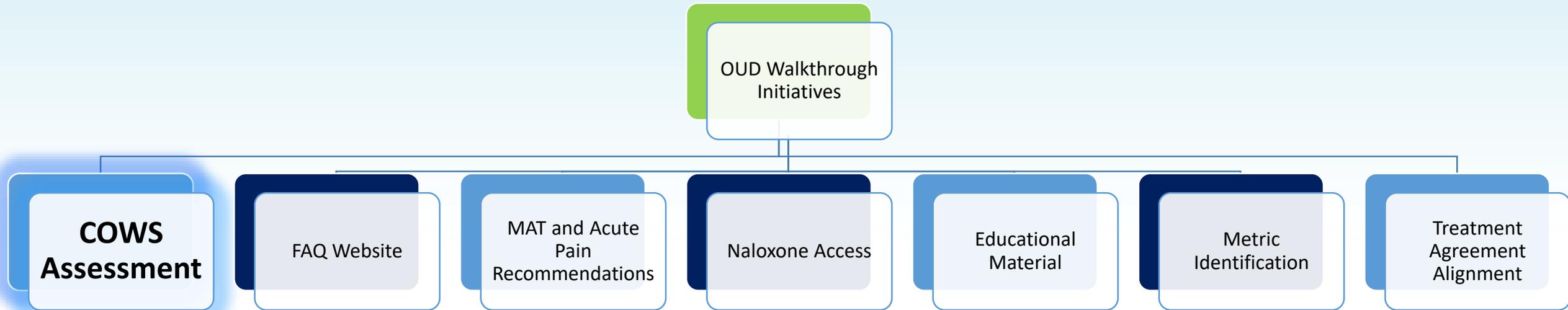
Educational Material

Metric Identification

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# Order Sets

Opioid Withdrawal and Medication Assisted Treatment

## Suggestions

Pneumonia

Pulmonary Embolism Treatment

## Orders

### Order Sets

### **Opioid Withdrawal and Medication Assisted Treatment** [Personalize](#)

#### Nursing

##### **Clinical Opioid Withdrawal Assessment**

- Clinical Opioid Withdrawal Scale Assessment (screening)  
Once for 1 occurrence
- Clinical Opioid Withdrawal Scale Assessment  
Every 4 hours for 48 hours

##### Notify Provider

- Notify physician for Clinical Opioid Withdrawl Scale of greater to or or equal to 8  
Until discontinued, starting today at 1037, Until Specified  
For Clinical Opioid Withdrawal Scale of: greater to or or equal to 8
- Notify physician  
Until discontinued, starting today at 1037, Until Specified  
Specify: RR < 8

#### Medications

##### MAT Initiation (test dose)

Recommend initiating buprenorphine/naloxone once COWS  $\geq$  8 to avoid precipitating withdrawal.

- buprenorphine-naloxone (SUBOXONE) 2-0.5 mg dose (\$\$)  
1 tablet, sublingual, Once
- buprenorphine-naloxone (SUBOXONE) 4-1 mg dose (\$\$)  
2 tablet, sublingual, Once

##### MAT Titration

- MAT Day 1 - May repeat doses up to a total of 8 mg max on Day 1**
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2 tablet, sublingual, Once
- MAT Day 2 - May repeat doses up to a total of 16 mg max on Day 2

##### MAT Maintenance

##### Opioid Detox

#### Additional SmartSet Orders

[Click for more](#)  
[Click for more](#)



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# FAQ Website

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BROWSE PAGE

Home

Opioid Use Disorder

Primary Care Provider

**As a provider, how often do I have to see a patient who is on buprenorphine?**

1. It is an opioid, so they need to be seen every 3-4 months.

OK

Latent TB Treatment

Hepatitis B

PrEP

Dermatology

My patient relapsed, now what do I do?

My patient missed an appointment, should I refill their medication?

My patient lost their prescription for buprenorphine, should I refill it?

My patient is experiencing acute pain from an injury or recent surgery

primary care setting?



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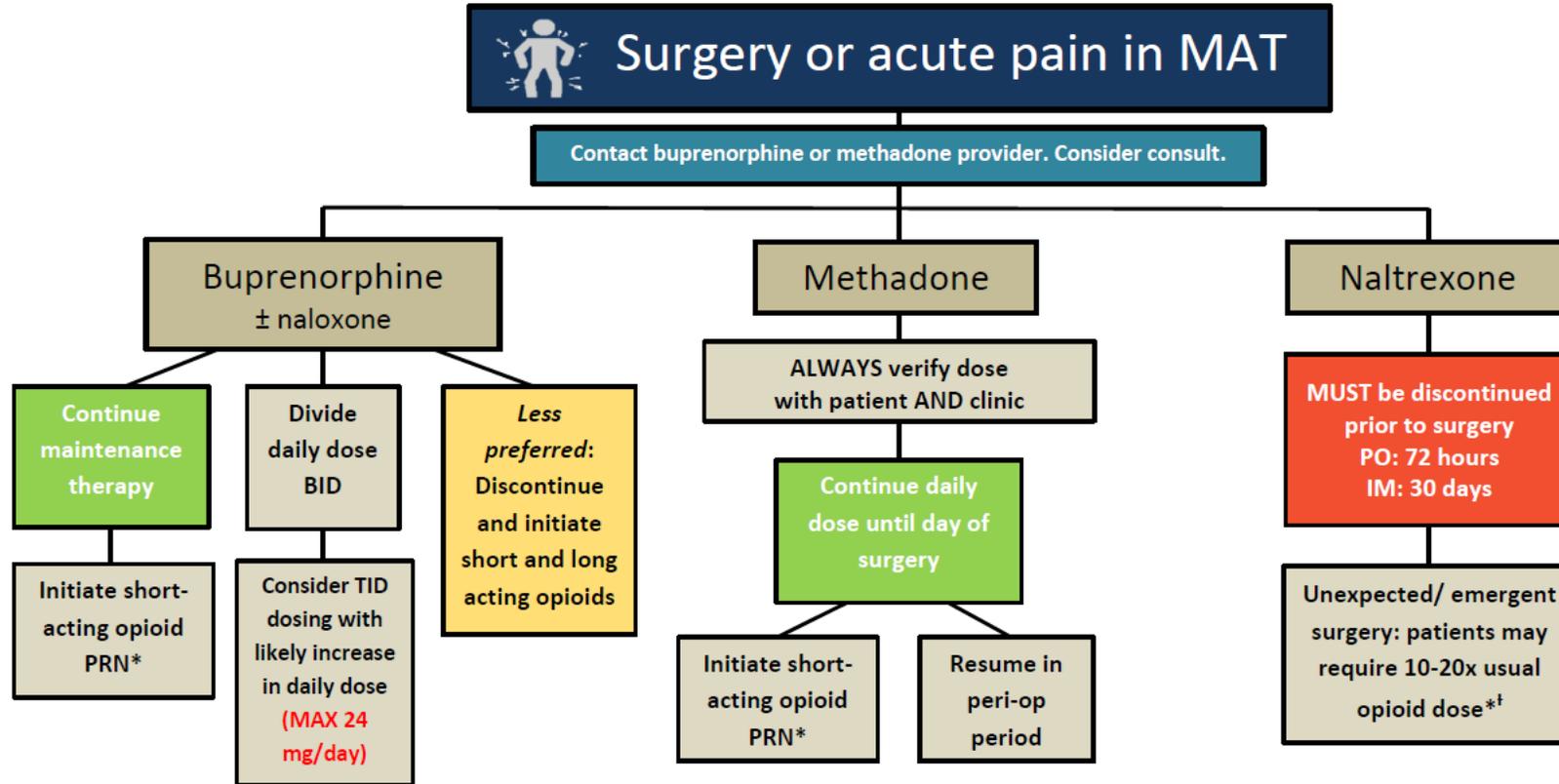
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# Medication Assisted Treatment (MAT)

## Surgery and Acute Pain Algorithm

**Summary:**

Buprenorphine and methadone MAT should be continued during surgery or acute pain, and must be combined with multimodal analgesia (in accordance with ERAS protocols). Naltrexone must be discontinued, and in cases when this is not possible, extremely high doses of opioids may be necessary. *This algorithm does not apply to patients receiving these agents for anything other than substance use disorder.*



\* If significant short-acting opioids are required, consider ICU or step-down observation

† For exceptional pain requirements, consider consulting Acute Pain Service (APS)

^ Refer to Policy 701-3040 – Guidelines for the Inpatient Use of Buprenorphine-Based Medications and Methadone in Patients with Opioid Use Disorder for prescribing guidance



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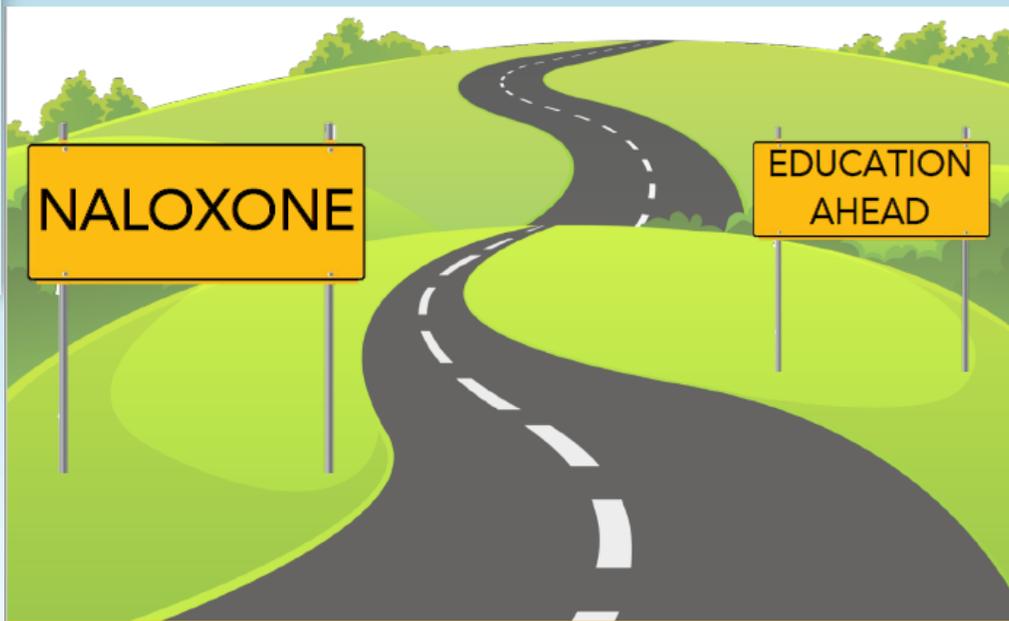
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*Naloxone is like a seatbelt; most people don't need it, but it's there if they ever do.*

## WHAT IS NALOXONE?

A medication that temporarily reverses opioid overdose and can save lives

## SIGNS OF OPIOID OVERDOSE

- Not moving and cannot be woken
- Slow or not breathing
- Blue lips and nails
- Tiny pupils
- Cold or clammy skin

## WHO SHOULD NALOXONE BE CONSIDERED FOR?

- Naloxone should be considered for everyone taking an opioid, but especially those taking high opioid doses  $\geq 50$  morphine milligram equivalents (MME)
- Those being rotated from one opioid to another (due to risk of incomplete tolerance)
- Those taking an opioid who:
  - Smoke or have a respiratory illness (COPD, sleep apnea, asthma)
  - Have renal, hepatic, heart disease or HIV
  - Use alcohol, benzodiazepine, sedative or antidepressant
- History of opioid intoxication or overdose
- Those who live in a remote location
- Taking methadone or buprenorphine for opioid use disorder
- Suspected history of substance use or nonmedical opioid use

## STEPS TO TAKE IN OPIOID OVERDOSE

-  CALL 911
-  SIGNS
-  NALOXONE
-  SIDE
-  EXPECT

- 1). Call for help (dial 911)
  - Emergency help should be requested immediately, even if the patient wakes up.
- 2). Check for signs of opioid overdose
- 3). Give naloxone and monitor response
  - If using the nasal spray, the patient should lie on their back. The patient's head should be tilted back gently, and the tip of the nozzle inserted into one nostril. Then, press the plunger firmly, spraying the naloxone into the nostril.
- 4). To prevent aspiration, the patient should be positioned on their side after naloxone is given
- 5). Patients may become agitated, combative or vomit after naloxone is given

## MAXIMUM DOSE

- No well-established maximum dose
- Product labeling indicates dosing of 0.4 mg with repeat doses as necessary
  - Typically, patients will respond to the first dose, but some patients may need additional doses
  - Second doses often supplied as backup
  - Additional doses may be required when emergency help is delayed and initial naloxone dose wears off

## AFTER ADMINISTRATION

- Naloxone works for 30-90 minutes, which is a shorter duration than most opioids
- Repeat doses every 2-3 minutes if symptoms return or patient does not respond and emergency help has not arrived
- Naloxone may precipitate withdrawal in opioid-dependent patients

## SIDE EFFECTS

- Most patients return to spontaneous breathing with only mild withdrawal symptoms
- Expect opioid withdrawal symptoms: sweating, goosebumps, aches, shivering, GI symptoms, irritability
  - This is not typically life-threatening

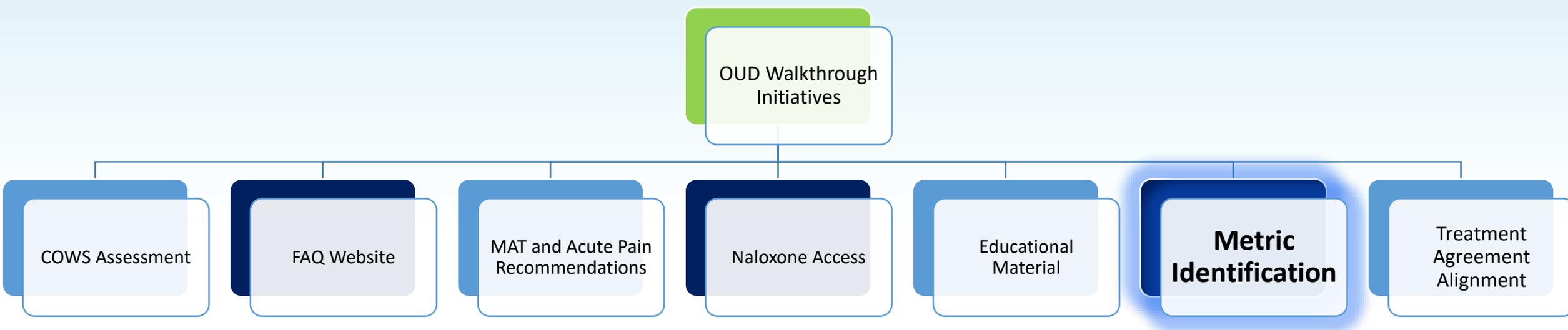
## STORAGE

- Patients should carry naloxone products with them, or inform those they live with where it is kept
- If stored properly at room temperature and away from light, naloxone products should be effective until the manufacturer expiration date. Typically, the shelf life is 12-18 months.

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 2) Naloxone. Lexicomp Online®, Pediatric & Neonatal Lexi-Drugs Online®, Hudson, Ohio: Lexi-Comp, Inc.; Accessed July 8, 2020.  
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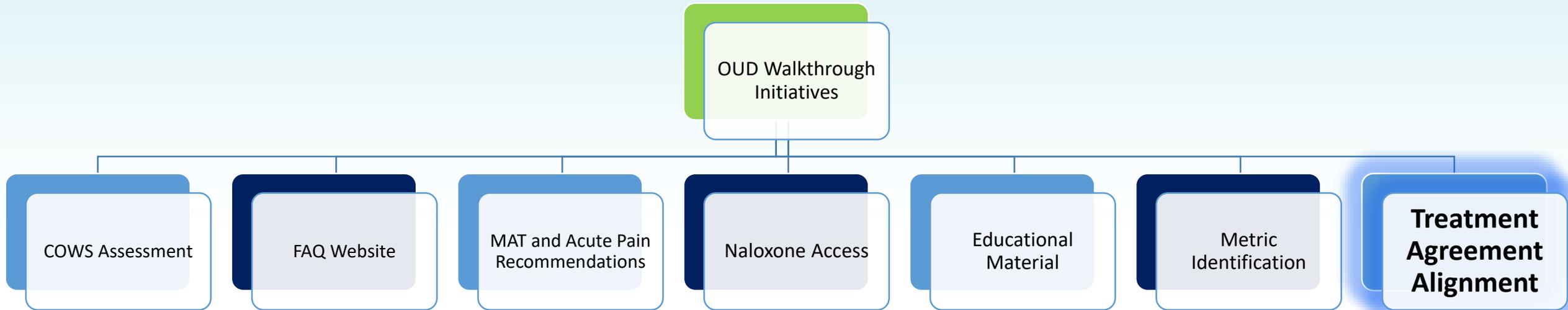
# OPOC Dashboard

## Opioid and Pain Management Oversight Committee

Setting	Measures	Jan-19	Feb-19	Mar-19	1Q2019	Apr-19	May-19	Jun-19	2Q2019	Jul-19	Aug-19	Sep-19	3Q20
Inpatient	Number of naloxone administrations/1000 opioid administrations	1.3	1	0.9	1.066666667	0.6	0.2	0.7	0.5	0.6	0.7	1.2	0.833333
	Number of patients written a prescription for any opioid at discharge (%)	6.51	6.08	5.86	6.14	6.2	6.29	5.72	6.07	5.93	6.24	6.25	6.14
Outpatient	Number of patients prescribed any opioid (%)	14.21	12.7	14.23	13.69	12.77	13.11	13.42	13.09	13.15	12.81	13.28	13.0
	Number of patients prescribed a chronic opioid (%)	8.1	8.65	8.87	8.53	9.24	9.83	9.67	9.58	8.4	7.17	5.93	7.16
	Average MME per day												
	Number of patients prescribed naloxone (%)	8.42	8.68	8.41	8.5	8.55	8.5	8.63	8.56	9.09	8.63	9.69	9.12
ED	Number of naloxone prescriptions or kits dispensed to patients with an overdose diagnosis from the ED												
Goals	At or Better Than Target (within goal)	Area of Concern (within goal, but in danger of not meeting goal next quarter)			Not Meeting Target (not within goal)								



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# Treatment Agreement Alignment

Controlled Substance

Primary Care

Ortho Total Joint

Senior Care

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The goals of the treatment are: _____	

**Single unified  
treatment agreement**

Buprenorphine

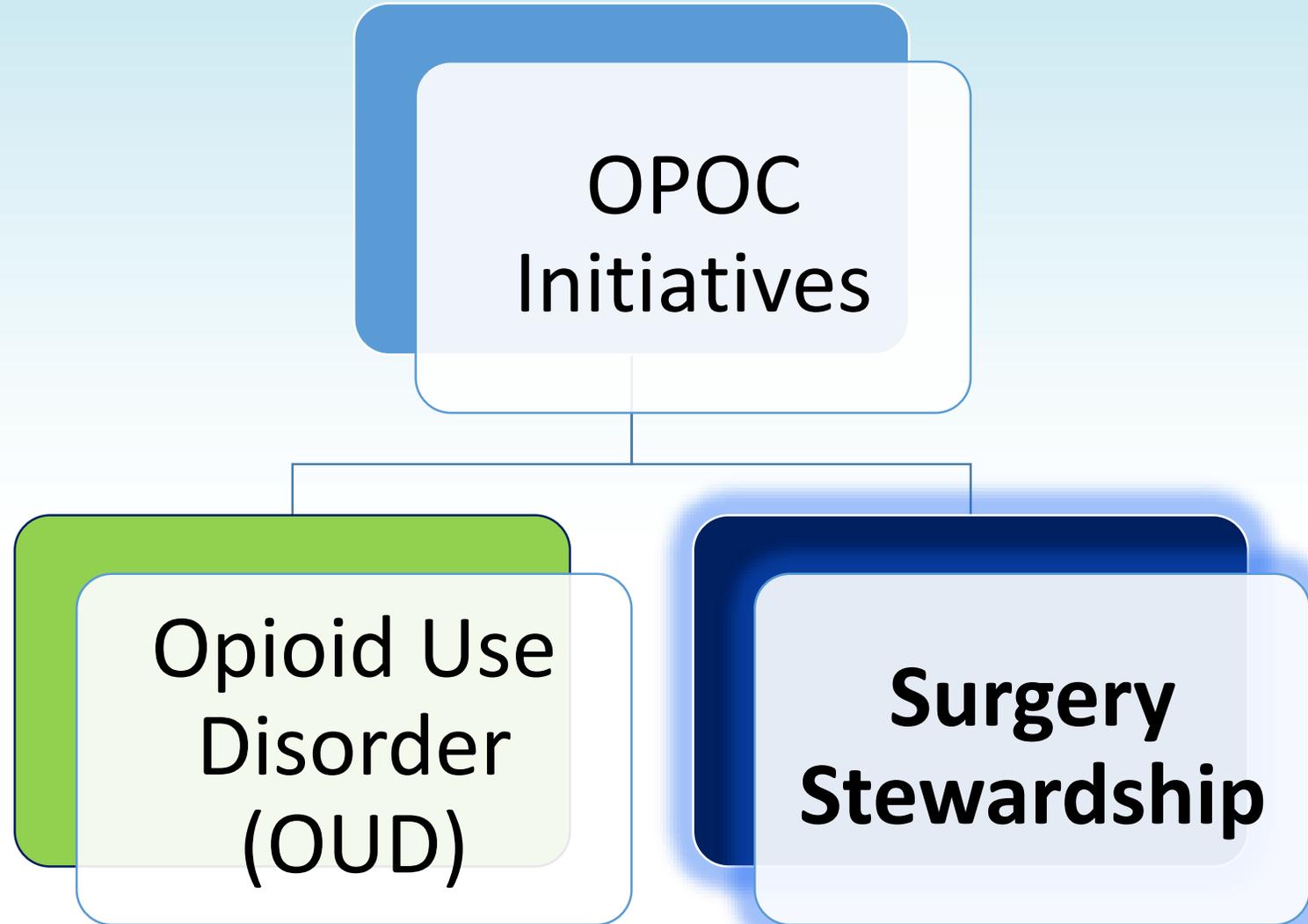
Primary Care

Mental Health Center

Pregnancy/Antenatal

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Buprenorphine Treatment Consent and Agreement	

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# Where Stewardship Meets Pain Management

**Perioperative/Postoperative**

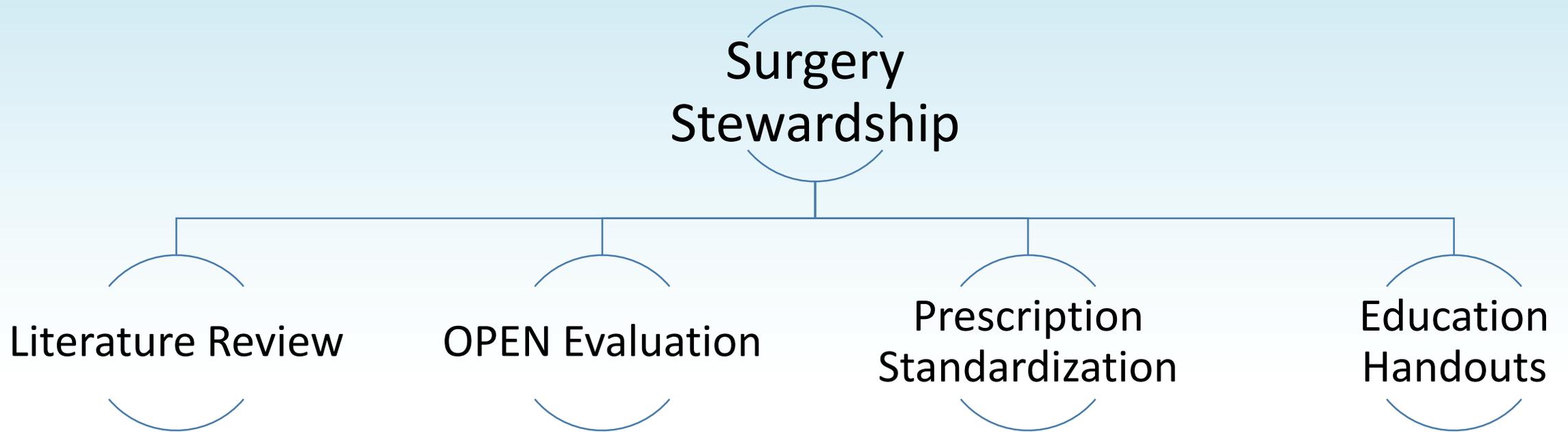
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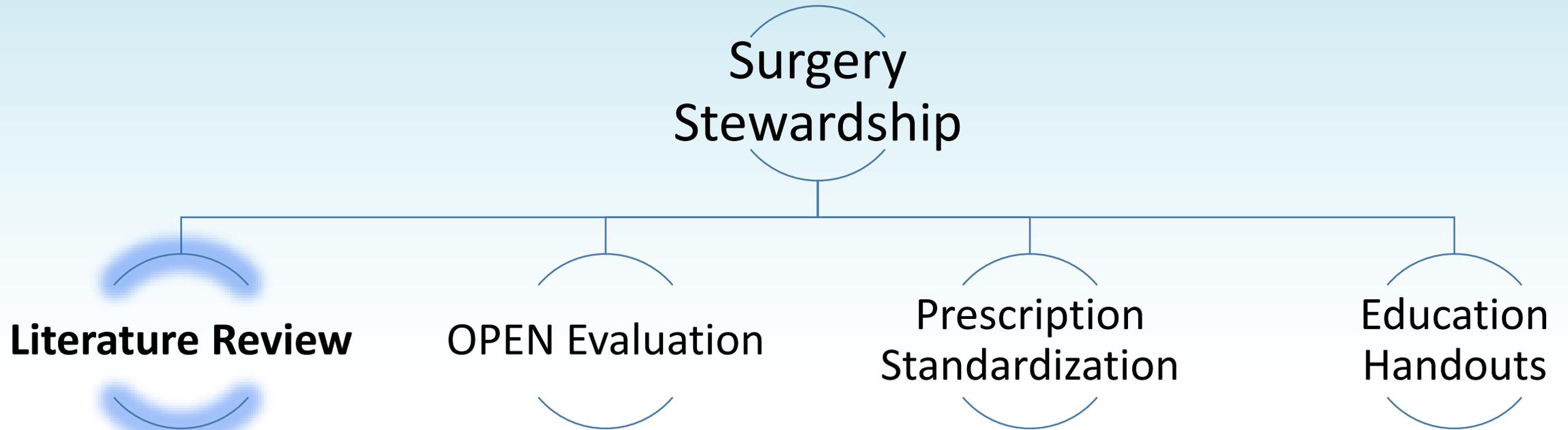


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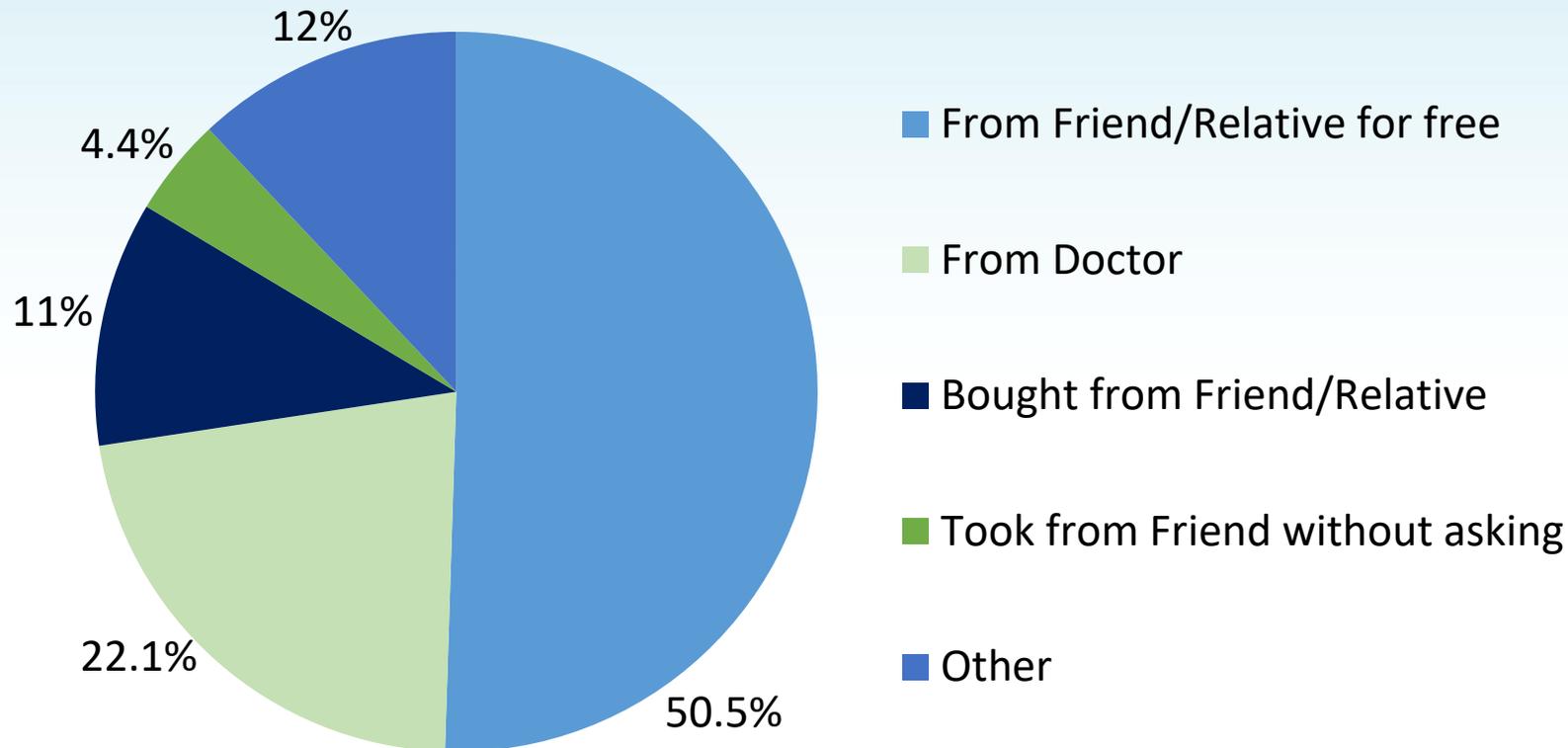


# Surgery Stewardship



# Opioid Abuse: Prescription Sources

Source of Prescription Painkillers Used for Non-Medical Purposes



# Surgery Opioids by the Numbers

42-71%

prescribed postoperative  
opioid tablets go unused

10%  
TKA

opioid-naïve patients continue to fill  
opioid prescriptions at 1 year postop

13%  
THA

73%

postoperative joint and spine  
patients have unused opioid  
tablets at 1 month postop

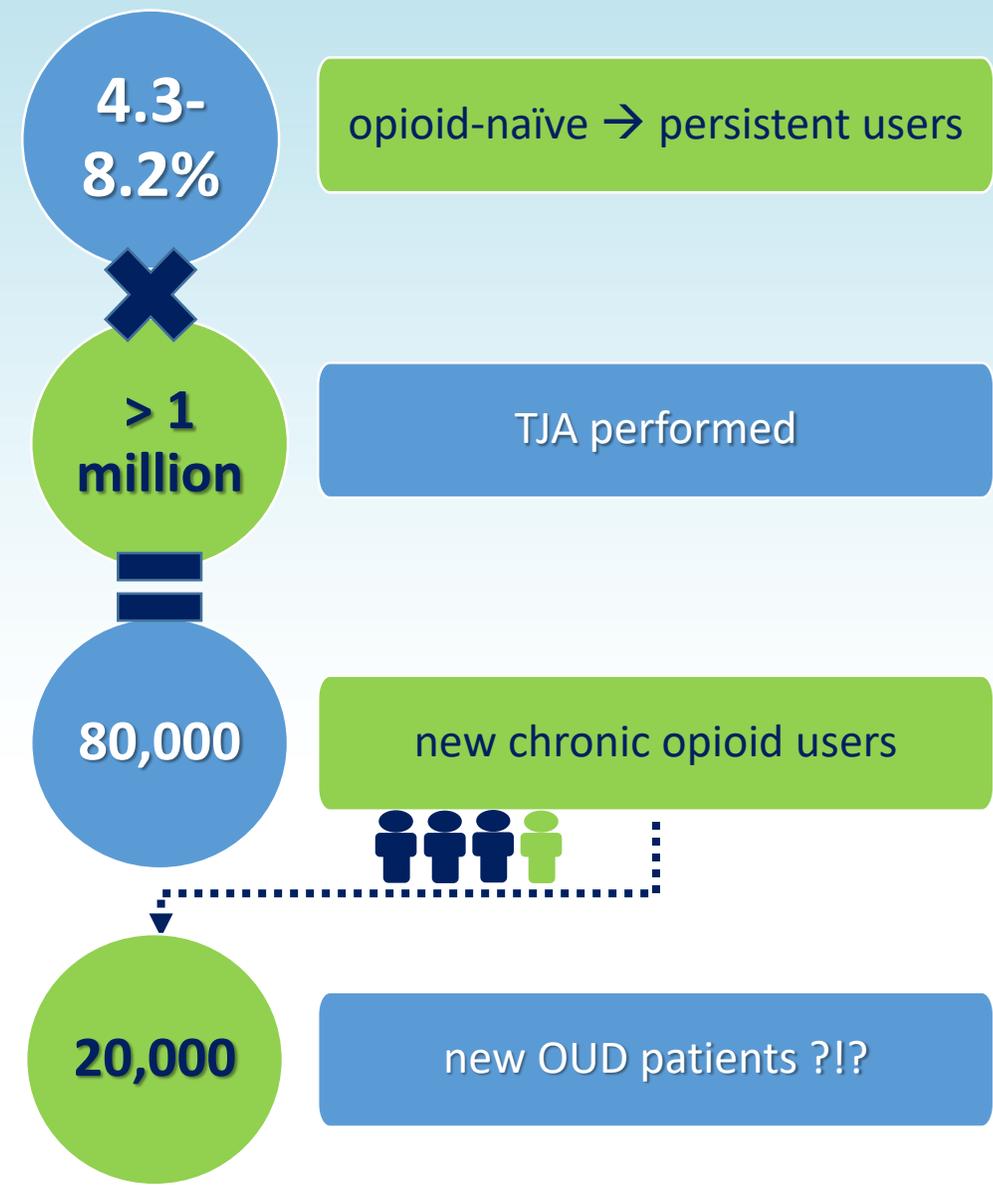
8-12%

patients who are prescribed opioids by  
MD develop an opioid use disorder

**1 in 4** Patients on chronic opioids “struggle with addiction”



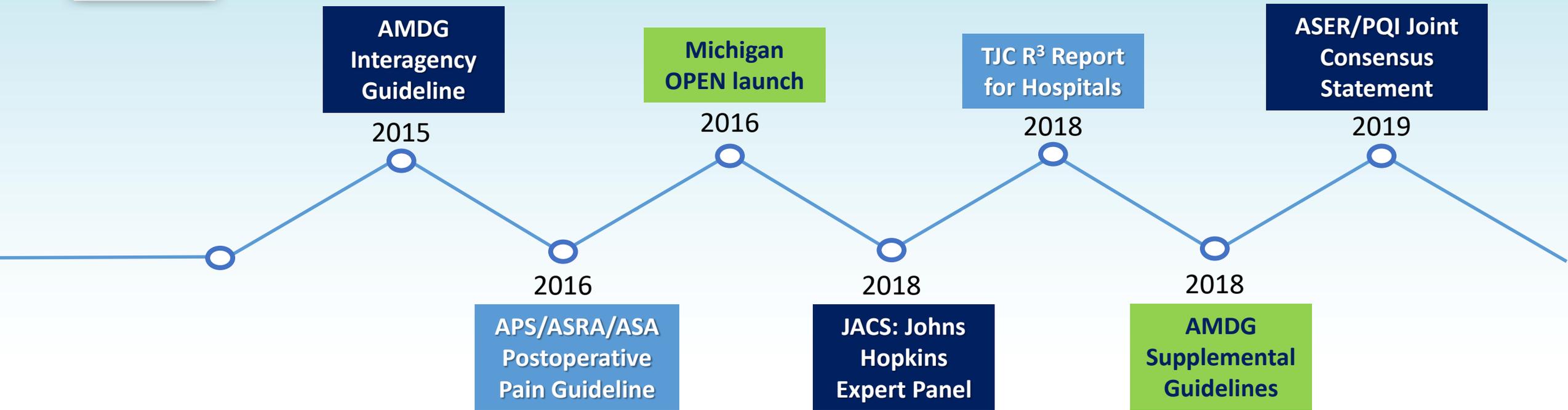
## Annual TJA Estimates:



OUD: opioid use disorder  
 TJA: total joint arthroplasty



# Surgery Opioid Stewardship Timeline



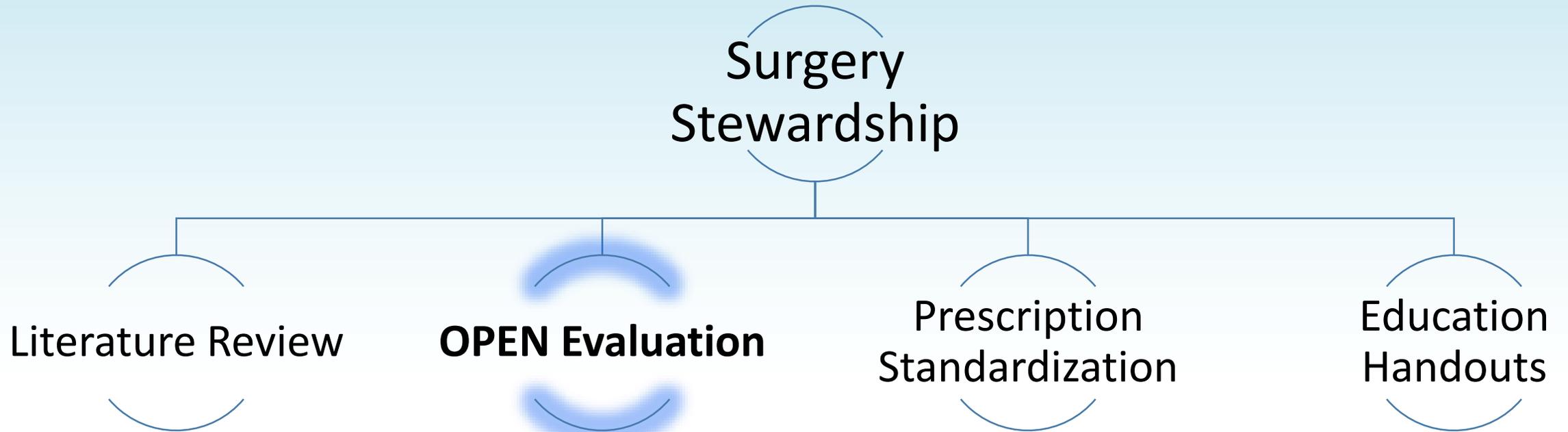
2012 – Present: **ERAS<sup>®</sup> Society Recommendations, PROSPECT Guidelines**

2016 – Present: **Various State Laws**

AMDG: Agency Medical Directors' Group, APS: American Pain Society, ASA: American Society of Anesthesiologists, ASER: American Society for Enhanced Recovery, ASRA: American Society for Regional Anesthesia and Pain Medicine, ERAS<sup>®</sup>: Enhanced Recovery After Surgery, JACS: Journal of the American College of Surgeons, OPEN: Opioid Prescribing Engagement Network, PQI: Perioperative Quality Initiative, PROSPECT: procedure-specific postoperative pain management collaborative, TJC R<sup>3</sup>: The Joint Commission Requirement, Rationale, Reference  
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# Surgery Stewardship



# Prescribing Recommendations

Procedure	Oxycodone* 5mg Tablets
<a href="#">Dental Extraction</a>	0
<a href="#">Thyroidectomy</a>	0 - 5
<a href="#">Laparoscopic Anti-reflux (Nissen)</a>	0 - 10
<a href="#">Appendectomy – Lap or Open</a>	0 - 10
<a href="#">Laparoscopic Donor Nephrectomy</a>	0 - 10
<a href="#">Hernia Repair – Minor or Major</a>	0 - 10
<a href="#">Sleeve Gastrectomy</a>	0 - 10
<a href="#">Laparoscopic Cholecystectomy</a>	0 - 10
<a href="#">Open Cholecystectomy</a>	0 - 15
<a href="#">Laparoscopic Colectomy</a>	0 - 10

Procedure	Oxycodone* 5mg Tablets
<a href="#">Prostatectomy</a>	0 - 10
<a href="#">Carotid Endarterectomy</a>	0 - 10
<a href="#">Cardiac Surgery via Median Sternotomy</a>	0 - 25
<a href="#">Caesarean Section</a>	0 - 20
<a href="#">Hysterectomy – Laparoscopic or Vaginal</a>	0 - 15
<a href="#">Hysterectomy – Abdominal</a>	0 - 20
<a href="#">Breast Biopsy or Lumpectomy</a>	0 - 5
<a href="#">Lumpectomy + Sentinel Lymph Node Biopsy</a>	0 - 5
<a href="#">Sentinel Lymph Node Biopsy Only</a>	0 - 5
<a href="#">Wide Local Excision ± Sentinel Lymph Node Biopsy</a>	0 - 20
<a href="#">Simple Mastectomy ± Sentinel Lymph Node Biopsy</a>	0 - 20
<a href="#">Modified Radical Mastectomy or Axillary Lymph Node Dissection</a>	0 - 30
<a href="#">Total Hip Arthroplasty</a>	0 - 30
<a href="#">Total Knee Arthroplasty</a>	0 - 50

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\*If prescribing hydrocodone 5mg, the number of tablets remains the same as listed above.



# An Evaluation of Post-Operative Opioid Prescribing Patterns Compared to Recent Procedure-Specific Recommendations

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## INTRODUCTION

- JAMA Surgery published a retrospective, multi-site, population-based analysis in 2019 that evaluated opioid prescribing and consumption patterns for patients undergoing 12 different surgical procedures.<sup>1</sup>
- Results prompted the Opioid Prescribing Engagement Network (OPEN) to publish a set of recommendations on the number of opioid tablets to be prescribed after specific surgical procedures for opioid-naïve patients.
- OPEN recommends up to 20 tablets after cesarean section (C-section), 30 tablets after total hip arthroplasty (THA), and 50 tablets after total knee arthroplasty (TKA), 10 tablets after appendectomy, hernia repair, and cholecystectomy, 15 tablets after hysterectomy, 5 tablets after lumpectomy, and 20 tablets after mastectomy,<sup>2</sup> which are common surgical procedures at Eskenazi Health.

## OBJECTIVE

- The purpose of this study was to evaluate Eskenazi Health's opioid prescribing patterns following these nine surgical procedures (C-section, THA, TKA, appendectomy, hernia repair, cholecystectomy, hysterectomy, lumpectomy, and mastectomy) compared to the published recommendations.

## METHODS

### Study Design

- Retrospective chart review utilizing electronic health record (EHR)
- Patients identified based on surgery type and date of surgery

Table 1. Study Period

Type of Surgery	Date of Surgery
C-section	03/01/2019 – 06/06/2019
THA and TKA	12/01/2018 – 06/06/2019
Appendectomy	11/01/2018 – 06/30/2019
Hernia repair	10/01/2018 – 05/01/2019
Cholecystectomy	12/01/2018 – 04/01/2019
Hysterectomy	06/01/2018 – 05/31/2019
Simple mastectomy	06/01/2018 – 05/31/2019
Lumpectomy	10/01/2018 – 08/31/2019

### Data Collection

- Patient medical record numbers used to search EHR for demographic information and opioid prescription
- INSPECT (Indiana's prescription drug monitoring program) used to obtain fill data and determine if opioid tolerant (defined as patient who filled an opioid within last 90 days) or opioid naïve

### Statistical Analysis (using MiniTab 16.0)

- Continuous, non-parametric data analyzed using Mann-Whitney U
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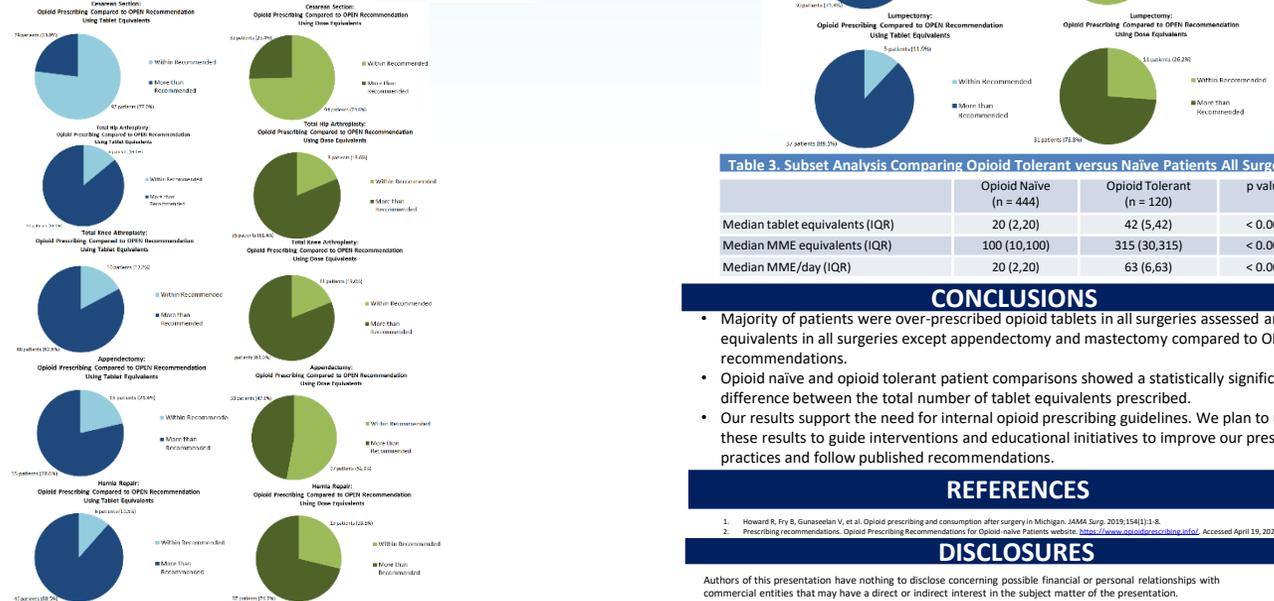
## RESULTS

- Primary outcome was number of tablet equivalents prescribed over OPEN recommendations.
- Secondary outcomes included dose equivalents prescribed over OPEN recommendations and dose equivalents prescribed per day over 5 days.
- Subset analysis conducted comparing prescribing differences between opioid-naïve and opioid-tolerant patients.

Table 2. Patient Characteristics

	n	Age*	Male	History of substance abuse	Concurrent benzo use
C-section	126	31 (25-35)	0 (0.0%)	9 (7.1%)	0 (0.0%)
THA	43	60 (56-68)	18 (41.9%)	3 (7.0%)	4 (9.3%)
TKA	58	58 (54-66)	16 (27.6%)	8 (13.8%)	6 (10.3%)
Appendectomy	70	33 (25-45)	44 (62.0%)	3 (4.2%)	0 (0.0%)
Hernia repair	52	53 (37-59)	48 (92.3%)	7 (7.7%)	0 (0.0%)
Cholecystectomy	68	38 (30-47)	16 (23.5%)	7 (10.2%)	1 (1.5%)
Hysterectomy	63	43 (40-49)	0 (0.0%)	4 (6.3%)	0 (0.0%)
Simple mastectomy	42	49 (34-59)	4 (9.5%)	4 (9.5%)	1 (2.3%)
Lumpectomy	42	64 (55-68)	0 (0.0%)	1 (2.3%)	0 (0.0%)

\*Median (IQR). All other data reported as n (%).



## RESULTS (cont.)

Table 3. Subset Analysis Comparing Opioid Tolerant versus Naïve Patients All Surgeries

	Opioid Naïve (n = 444)	Opioid Tolerant (n = 120)	p value
Median tablet equivalents (IQR)	20 (2,20)	42 (5,42)	< 0.001
Median MME equivalents (IQR)	100 (10,100)	315 (30,315)	< 0.001
Median MME/day (IQR)	20 (2,20)	63 (6,63)	< 0.001

## CONCLUSIONS

- Majority of patients were over-prescribed opioid tablets in all surgeries assessed and dose equivalents in all surgeries except appendectomy and mastectomy compared to OPEN recommendations.
- Opioid naïve and opioid tolerant patient comparisons showed a statistically significant difference between the total number of tablet equivalents prescribed.
- Our results support the need for internal opioid prescribing guidelines. We plan to use these results to guide interventions and educational initiatives to improve our prescribing practices and follow published recommendations.

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# An Evaluation of Post-Operative Opioid Prescribing Patterns Compared to Recent Procedure-Specific Recommendations

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## INTRODUCTION

- JAMA Surgery published a retrospective, multi-site, population-based analysis in 2019 that evaluated opioid prescribing and consumption patterns for patients undergoing 12 different surgical procedures.<sup>1</sup>

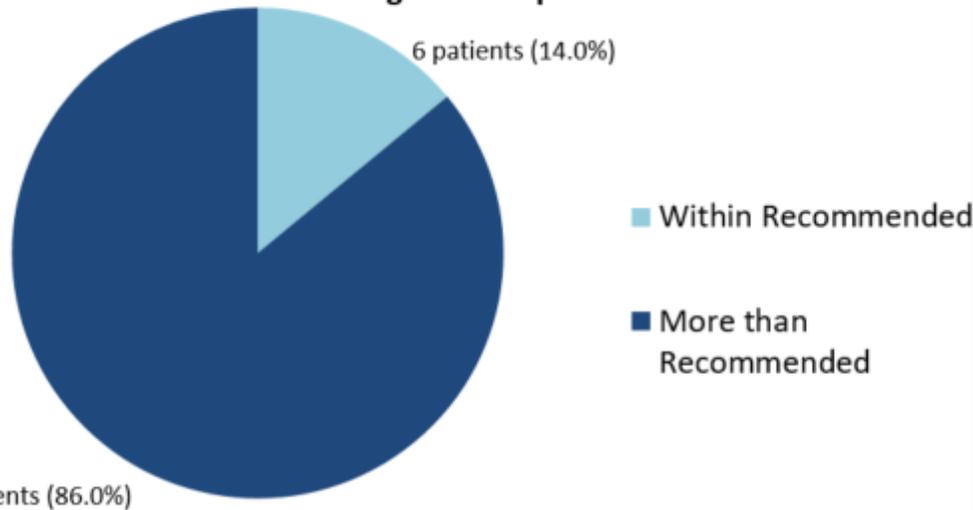
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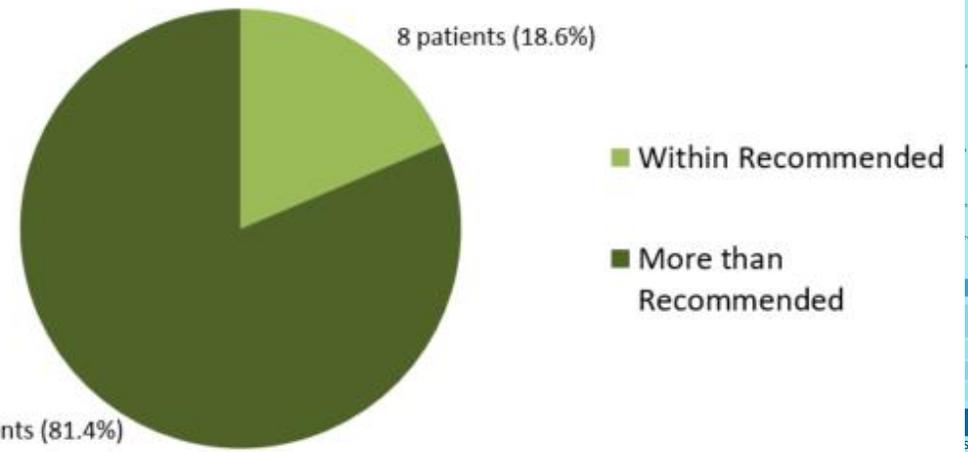
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**Total Hip Arthroplasty:  
Opioid Prescribing Compared to OPEN Recommendation  
Using Tablet Equivalents**



**Total Hip Arthroplasty:  
Opioid Prescribing Compared to OPEN Recommendation  
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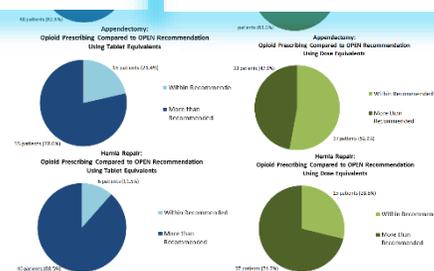
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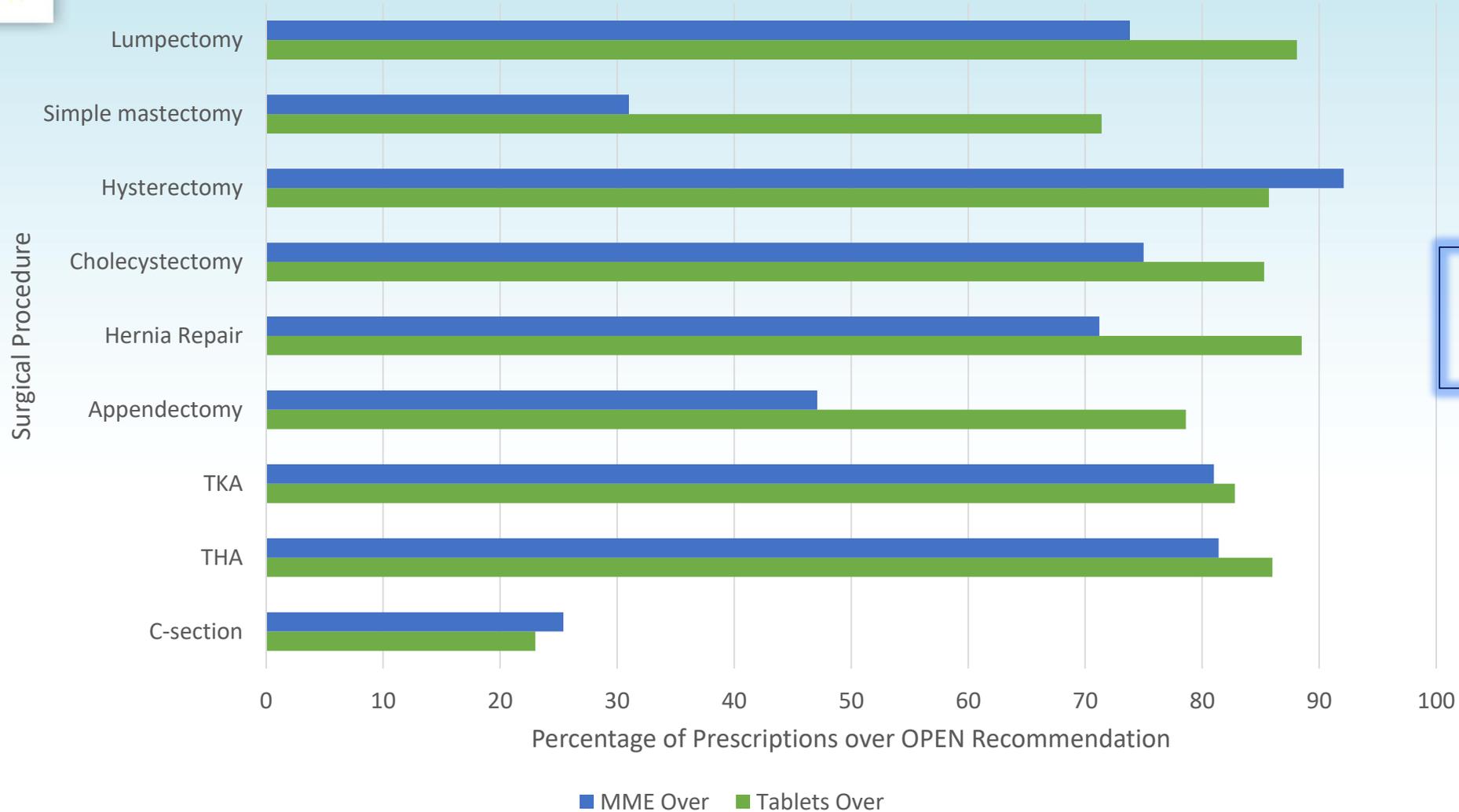
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# OPEN Evaluation at Eskenazi

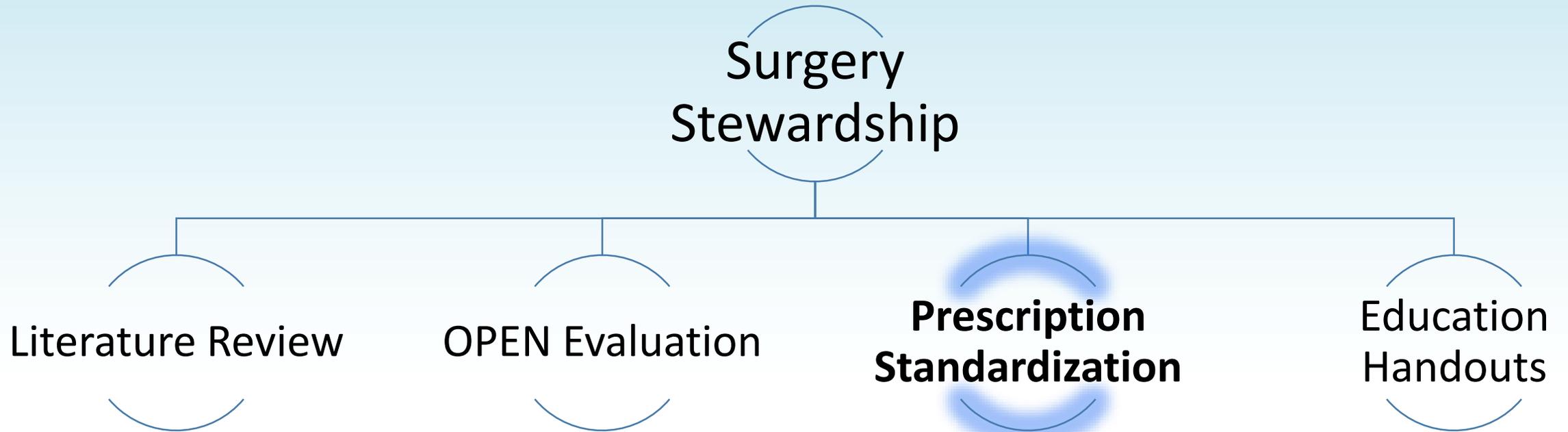
Figure 1: Percentage of Eskenazi Health Surgery Prescriptions over OPEN Recommendations



Summative Totals  
MME Over: **59.75%**  
Tablets Over: **69.86%**



# Surgery Stewardship





# Prescription Standardization

## Adult Recommended TOTAL Durations

Indication	Duration
Acute Bacterial Rhinosinusitis	5-7 days
Cellulitis	5-7 days
Diabetic Foot Infection-Mild	7-14 days
Diabetic Foot Infection-Moderate/Severe	2-3 weeks
Osteomyelitis	4-6 weeks
Prosthetic Joint Infection	^^
Pyelonephritis	7-14 days
Skin Abscess	5-10 days
UTI-Complicated	10-14 days
UTI-Uncomplicated	5-7 days

**Surgical Procedure Name**      **Number of Tablets Recommended for Opioid-Naïve Patient**

cephalexin (KEFLEX) capsule 500 mg

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^^ Following treatment with IV therapy for retention of prosthesis, cephalexin may be used in combo with rifampin for 3 months in THA and 6 months in TKA

Route: oral

Frequency: Every 6 hours - standard    Q6H SCH    Q8H SCH    Q12H SCH

For: Doses    Hours    Days

Starting: 9/11/2020    Today    Tomorrow

First Dose: Include Now    As Scheduled    Show Additional Options

First Dose: Today 1800    Until Discontinued

Scheduled Times    Adjust Schedule

09/11/20 1800

09/12/20 0000, 0600, 1200, 1800

09/13/20 0000, 0600, 1200, 1800

Order has no end date or number of doses, so more times will be scheduled at a later date

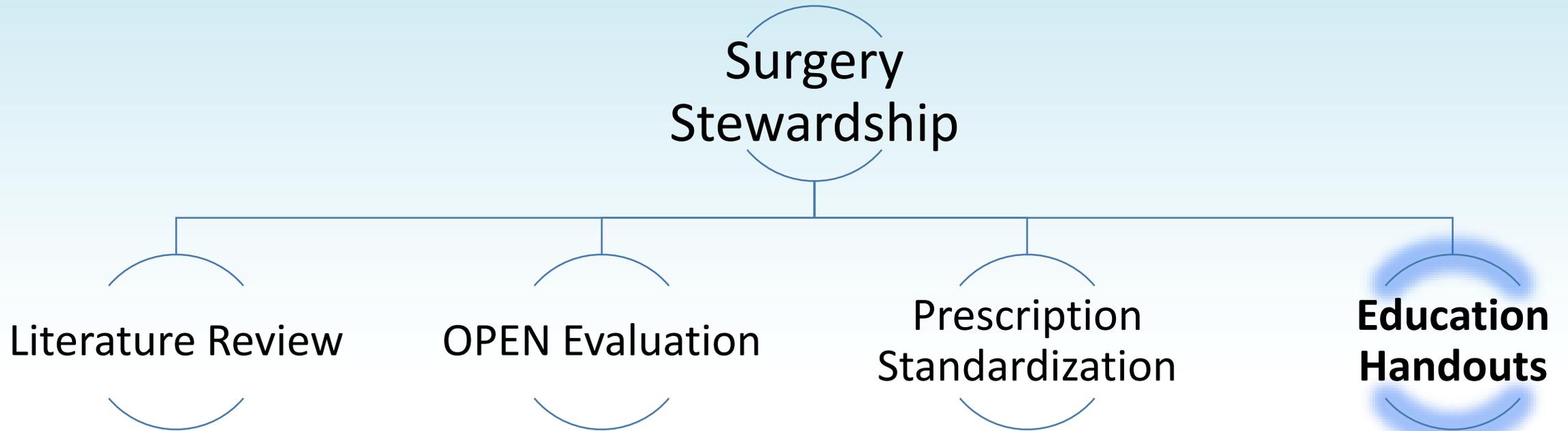
Indication:    acute bacterial sinusitis    bone infection    joint infections    pyelonephritis    skin and skin structure infection    urinary tract infection    OTHER

Summary Report: Show Anti-infective Administrations

Next Required    Link Order



# Surgery Stewardship



# PATIENT AND FAMILY EDUCATION:

## PAIN MANAGEMENT AFTER SURGERY

You will experience pain after surgery. This is normal. Pain is often worse in the first days after surgery, but it will slowly get better. It is better to treat pain before it gets very bad. It is harder to treat when it is out of control. Pain pills will not completely stop the pain. They can lessen your pain, so you feel more comfortable.

With your pain managed, you will get better rest and can walk around more. Walking helps to lessen the chance of a blood clot in your leg, bloating (gas), and constipation (trouble pooping).

## HOW DO I TAKE PAIN MEDICATIONS?

Taking two or more kinds of pills together often works best. For the first few days, take acetaminophen and ibuprofen. At home, follow the instructions in the chart below. Only use hydrocodone or oxycodone when the other pain pills are not enough. Stop taking hydrocodone or oxycodone once your pain is under control again. Most people use this medicine for the first few days after surgery.

Generic Name and Brand Name	How much?	How often?	How Can I Make Sure I take the Medicines Safely?
Acetaminophen (Tylenol®)	650 mg	Every 4 or every 6 hours by mouth	 <u>No more than 3000 mg</u> in a day (24 hours). Too much can hurt your liver. Do not drink alcohol. If you have hepatitis, <u>no more than 2000 mg</u> per day.
Ibuprofen (Advil® or Motrin®)	400 to 800 mg	Every 6 or every 8 hours by mouth	 <u>No more than 2400 mg</u> a day (24 hours). Too much can hurt your liver. Take with food or milk to avoid stomach pain.
Hydrocodone/acetaminophen	5 to 10 mg	Every 4 or every 6 hours by mouth, if needed	 Opioids can affect your mood and make you sleepy. They can be addictive. If you take too much at one time, you may become over-sedated (too sleepy, not breathing). They can cause constipation. You can help avoid this by drinking plenty of water and taking a stool softener pill. Do not drive while taking opioids. Do not drink alcohol or take any of these drugs: Valium®, Ambien®, Ativan®, Xanax®, or Klonopin®. This can make you over-sedated
Oxycodone	5 to 10 mg	Every 4 or every 6 hours by mouth, if needed	

### WHY AM I TAKING MORE THAN ONE PAIN MEDICINE?

- Different pain medications work in different ways. Taking two or three kinds can increase their effects. This can keep your pain under control, keep your hospital stay short, and improve your ability to move after surgery.
- Instead of taking a lot of one kind of pill, you will take less of two or three kinds of pills to lessen side effects.

### MEDICATION DISPOSAL

Extra medication leftover after recovery and any expired medications should be properly disposed of for safety reasons. Medication take-back boxes are available at every Eskenazi Health community pharmacy for drop off.

# PATIENT AND FAMILY EDUCATION: EXPECTATIONS AFTER SURGERY

## LAPAROSCOPIC APPENDECTOMY OR CHOLECYSTECTOMY

### WHAT SHOULD I EXPECT AFTER THE PROCEDURE?

- Your surgical incisions are small, and your belly was filled with air during surgery
- You may experience pain in your shoulder, which can be caused by the air irritating your diaphragm. The diaphragm is a muscle that helps you breathe. This should go away within a few days.

### WHAT SHOULD I AVOID AFTER SURGERY?

- Avoid constipation (trouble pooping) to prevent straining and increased pain
  - Recommend bowel regimen of senna/docusate 2 tablets by mouth two times daily and Miralax® if needed

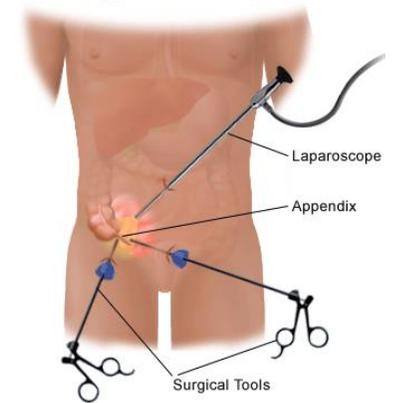
### WHEN TO CALL THE SURGEON'S OFFICE

- Wound infections can cause pain. Call your surgeon's office at 317-880-3737 if you have any of the following:
  - Severe pain that is not controlled by your medications
  - Concerns about an infection (fever, increasing wound redness, or drainage of pus)
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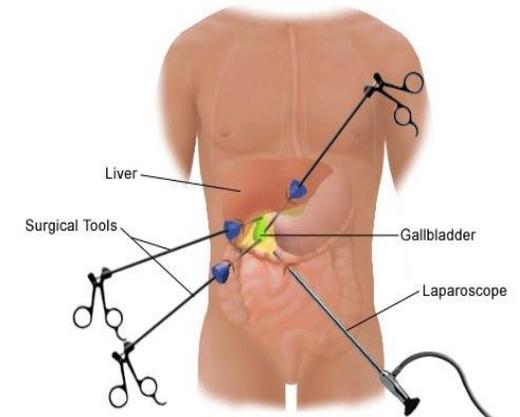
### ACTIVITY AFTER SURGERY

- Limit your activities based on your level of discomfort: if it hurts too much, do not do it.
- Avoid lifting any object weighing more than 10 pounds for 6 weeks
- Make sure to walk daily to stretch your muscles and speed up your recovery.
- Provide your surgeon with any paperwork your employer may require for time off or light duty

Laparoscopic Appendectomy  
(Appendix Removal)



Laparoscopic Cholecystectomy  
(Gallbladder Removal)



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# PATIENT AND FAMILY EDUCATION: EXPECTATIONS AFTER SURGERY

## INGUINAL HERNIA OR UMBILICAL HERNIA

### WHAT SHOULD I EXPECT AFTER THE PROCEDURE?

- For men after inguinal hernia: You may experience scrotal swelling and tenderness. This is normal and may take a few weeks to go away. For improved comfort, wear tight bicycling shorts and use ice packs to the area daily to decrease swelling.

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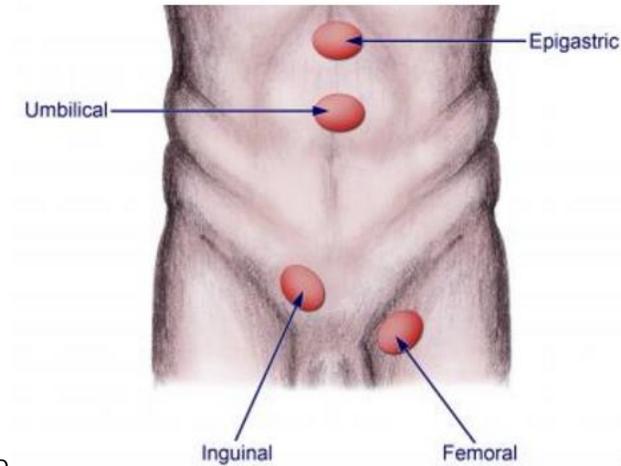
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# PATIENT AND FAMILY EDUCATION: EXPECTATIONS AFTER SURGERY

## OPEN ABDOMINAL SURGERY

### WHAT SHOULD I EXPECT AFTER THE PROCEDURE?

- You have a big incision on your abdomen. It is normal to have more severe pain with increased activity.
- If you have drains, be sure to pin them to your clothing securely, so they do not get pulled and cause more pain.
- If you have staples, placing a gauze dressing between your incision and your clothes can decrease the risk of your clothes snagging on the staples and causing pain.

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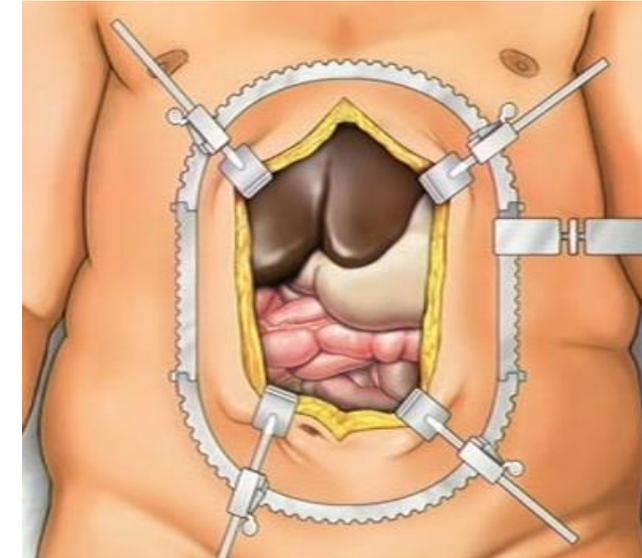
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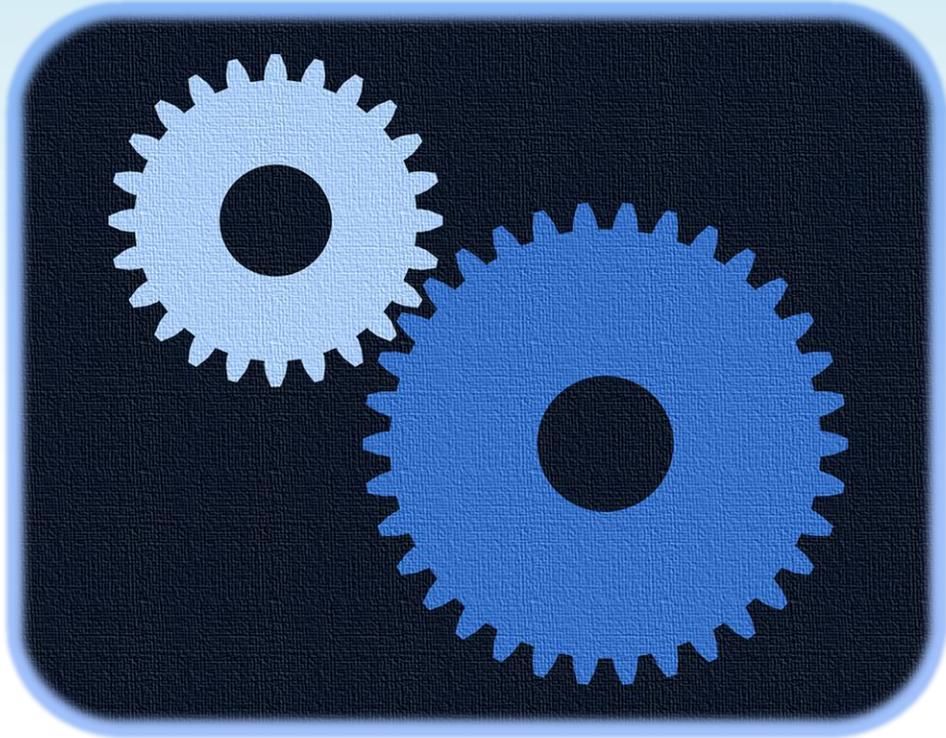
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# Interactive Activity



- **Task:** complete opioid stewardship checklist
- **Time limit:** 3 minutes
- **Discussion:** 2 minutes



# Lessons Learned

Leadership Support

Physician Buy-In

Timeline Flexibility

Data-Driven, Evidence-Based Decisions

Prioritization



# The Future is Stewardship

- Opioid stewardship programs can ensure pain management is an organizational priority while supporting the alignment of measures and regulatory standards
- Addition of an opioid stewardship pharmacist focused on process improvement can advance practices, support provider and patient engagement and education, and improve outcomes
- A governing opioid and pain management oversight committee for the institution can encourage collaboration with key players, prioritize initiatives, and eliminate barriers
- Picking one or two major initiatives on which to focus, such as opioid use disorder or perioperative pain management, can serve as a framework for future efforts



**Opioid Stewardship MATters: Addressing Opioid Use Disorder  
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